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## Contributions.

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### The Public Probe.

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In an era when investigation is rife, when all things pertaining to combination or savoring of secrecy must be unfolded before the people's gaze, to await the verdict of public opinion, were it not strange if the Greek letter fraternity should escape inspection?

Indeed, the questioning glances of the laymen of the material world already have been directed toward the Greek realm. His perception cannot fathom the true basis of the Greek letter society or of Grecian ideals. He learns that no insurance feature and no financial benefit is attached to a membership of this kind. Neither is the society devoted to some special line of study in literature, in science, or in art. To him the healthy expression of good fellowship, to be found among fraternity men in public places, is but the boisterous and immodest actions of a revelry which has been fostered in the secret hall of the chapter house.

A wave of sentiment against the Greek letter fraternity in high schools is now sweeping this country from one extremity to another. Faculties and school boards are attempting to put an end to the existence of these organizations in many of the largest cities of the nation. Their main objections, according to press reports, are based on the argument that members of the high school fraternities are prone to allow home life to be displaced by an artificial and unhealthy society existence, not conducive to the cause or the promotion of education. Be this as it

may, the fact remains that the high school fraternity, at the present time, is the subject of severe criticism among educators.

But the high school fraternity is recognized as a parasitic growth from the college fraternity. It has sapped its strength from the college fraternity. If that nourishment had been of a healthy variety, would the offspring now be held in contempt?

Certain it is that the Greek world is approaching an epoch, the events of which will determine the life or the death of our secret societies. The age of probing is upon us. In many institutions the government of the Greek letter fraternities has been assumed by the university authorities, who insist upon a high standard among these societies. It is confidently predicted that this control will ultimately become universal.

When civilization, in its onward course, arrives at that port where compulsory control of secret societies in institutions of learning is accomplished, we sadly fear that its wake will be strewn with the wrecks of what once were great Grecian crafts. The rotten timbers, the loose sails, and the broken rudders of these latter will sink into a sea of oblivion.

It is not in a spirit of criticism of our sister fraternities that these statements are made. But it must be acknowledged that some of them, boasting of a glorious past, which began in antebellum days, pointing with pride to a noble band of alumni, and displaying to the world an array of handsomely furnished chapter houses, filled with brilliant men, have neglected to think of the future. Possibly they have not realized the rapid pace which has been set by modern manhood, and have lagged just a little in the rear. Meanwhile, the distance increases and becomes harder to recover, and when the race is finished, when the public has satisfied itself of the deserving and undeserving entries in the race, some will have been distanced.

But each must look to his own laurels!

Extending across this continent, from the lapping waves of the Atlantic to the white peaks of the Rockies, is a chain of noble good-fellowship—Sigma Phi Epsilon. Thanks to the invaluable heritage of those six charter members to whom we



owe our birth, each link in this chain has been forged with the greatest care. But in a world of relative values, where each bears a particular place in the scale of strength, some must be stronger than others. "The chain is as strong as its weakest link." Sigma Phi Epsilon is as strong as its weakest chapter. A chapter is as strong as its weakest member. Therefore, Sigma Phi Epsilon is as strong as its weakest member. *Quod erat demonstratum.*

Let each member of our band ask himself the question. If it be himself that is considered the weakest man in the chapter, let him forge a stronger link. If it be another, let the stronger brother help the weaker. For he is his brother's keeper. Upon the individual alone rests the standard of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the fraternity itself will be exactly what he makes it.

As a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, I hail with delight this vanguard of investigators which is now almost upon us. Our order will stand the most severe probe, and will compare favorably with any similar organization. Reasons for my belief? They are many.

In the first place, it is a principle of Sigma Phi Epsilon that its members shall acquire no habits in their college life which they would be ashamed to practice in their own homes. Neither is it their custom to permit in a chapter house the use of expressions or the commission of deeds which would not be tolerated by their own firesides. In this they do wisely, for is it not the secret ambition of every member to be the first of a generation of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity men? And does he wish his offspring to associate with men whom he does not countenance?

Another principle which goes far toward the success of our order is the policy of furnishing duties of such magnitude and variety for each member that little time remains for the cultivation of vice. For those not engaged in one or more branches of college activity, in addition to their course of study, chapter duties are assigned, until the chapter house becomes a hive of industry, and not a lounging spot for idle men.

The "Heart," which each member wears upon his breast, is

a factor in the promotion of our fraternity spirit. It is with a mingled emotion of shame and pride that the writer confesses that his badge has more than once been a barrier between himself and temptation—shame that nature was so weak as to be tempted, and pride that he has the privilege of wearing that badge whose influence is great enough to ward off evil. .

But the greatest element in our success is the care in the selection of men we deem worthy of admission to our ranks. The term *frater* is literally translated among us. We are unwilling to bespeak any man as our brother unless he has shown that he deserves the title. We receive into our fraternity none for whom we are compelled to assume the blush of shame, under any circumstances; none whom we would hesitate to invite to our homes, in the fear that he might poison the mind of the morals of a pure sister or betray the implicit confidence of a fond mother. To be sure, we admire worldly attainments in our members, but before all things, we demand a high moral courage, a large mental calibre, and a degree of physical excellence.

It is not our wish to pose as demagogues, nor as reformers in the popularly-accepted definition of the term. But we do desire to be classed as leaders for a better and higher sphere of life in the Greek world. The present tendency of men to investigate, coupled with a universal desire for purification of all things worldly, brings us face to face with the fact that the Grecians cannot escape this movement, even though they should desire to do so. Let Sigma Phi Epsilon, then, be in the vanguard. Much has been done toward this end in the elimination of the rough initiatory ceremonies and the adoption of a beautifully solemn and impressive ritual. We have also a strong and enduring constitution and by-laws for our government. Thus much has the central organization accomplished.

The success of Sigma Phi Epsilon now rests with the individual member. We, as an organization, are now in the most critical stage of our existence. Having outgrown an infancy filled with more than the usual quota of pains and ills, we are entering a bright—yes, a brilliant—period of youth, the course of

which will determine our destiny. The ranks of our alumni are rapidly being filled by men of substantial standing, as the world rates them. Their places are being taken by a younger generation, upon whose shoulders must necessarily rest the success or failure of the organization. "The survival of the fittest" is near at hand. Already taut lines must be tightened; high standards must go still higher; selection of men must become even more careful, and their training must be diligently pursued.

However, it is with confidence that we gaze into the hazy future. Confident that the principles which have been recorded will be maintained, confident that the selection of future members and of future chapters will be made with even more care than they have been in the past, and confident that the ever-present memory of an honored alumni, some of whom have already heard the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," will be a stimulus to greater efforts—confident of these things, I say, we turn to our work with renewed energy. And in a few years—even a very few years—when the public wave of investigation has swept onward, and when satisfaction has been rendered to all as to the merits of our fraternity, our chain will be thrown over the Rockies and through the valleys until it reaches to the peaceful shores of the Pacific, thus completing a golden line of good-fellowship from ocean to ocean.

Then, among the Pan-Hellenic councils of the nation, none will be held in higher esteem than he who wears the purple and red bands and the Golden Heart of Sigma Phi Epsilon!

C. A. VERBECK,  
Theta Beta.

## Ode.

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*(To be sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne.")*

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Holy Friendship is the bond  
Of our Fraternity ;  
And as enduring as the heavens  
Must that friendship be.  
It must enduring be ; oh ! yes,  
It must enduring be ;  
We sing the song that never dies  
Of friendship's constancy.

In principles of Right we teach  
In matters great and small ;  
And all together helping each,  
Each one doth help us all.  
Each one doth help us all ; oh ! yes,  
Each one doth help us all ;  
And all together helping each,  
Each one doth help us all.

If by some chance a brother be  
O'ertaken by a foe,  
Throughout our whole Fraternity  
Is felt a common woe.  
Is felt a common woe ; oh ! yes,  
Is felt a common woe ;  
Throughout our whole Fraternity  
Is felt a common woe.

And if he should be called to sit  
In places of renown,  
We every one are proud of it—  
His honor is our own.

His honor is our own ; oh ! yes,  
His honor is our own ;  
We every one are proud of it—  
His honor is our own.

O Holy Friendship, at thy shrine  
In reverence we bow ;  
May we thy sacred rites divine  
Keep evermore as now.  
Keep evermore as now ; oh ! yes,  
Keep evermore as now ;  
May we thy sacred rites divine  
Keep evermore as now.

E. T. ROBERTS,  
Zeta.

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### Sigma Phi Epsilon Day.

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A long to be remembered event in the lives of all who were fortunate enough to be present was the grand fraternity ball, so successfully handled by the Norfolk Alumni Chapter.

Through its efforts, November 28th was made Sigma Phi Epsilon Day at the Jamestown Exposition. The ball at the Convention Hall that night was a grand success, and reflects great credit upon our Norfolk brothers. The following is a clipping from the *Virginian-Pilot* of December 1st :

“By far the most brilliant ball of the entire Exposition, and, perhaps, in the history of Norfolk, was the one given by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity in the large Convention Hall at the Exposition grounds on Thanksgiving night. Norfolk's Senior German Club was invited as a whole, and, under the chaperonage of the following ladies, local society turned out *en masse* : Miss Virginia Gatewood, Mesdames Floyd Hughes, C. B. Ryan, Randolph Hicks, Junius F. Lynch, J. A. C. Groner, Howard Shield, H. St. George Tucker, J. Taylor Ellyson, P. F. Harrington, Inman Payne, George C. Cabell, James Y. Leigh, Barton Myers, Holt Page, E. Tatterson,

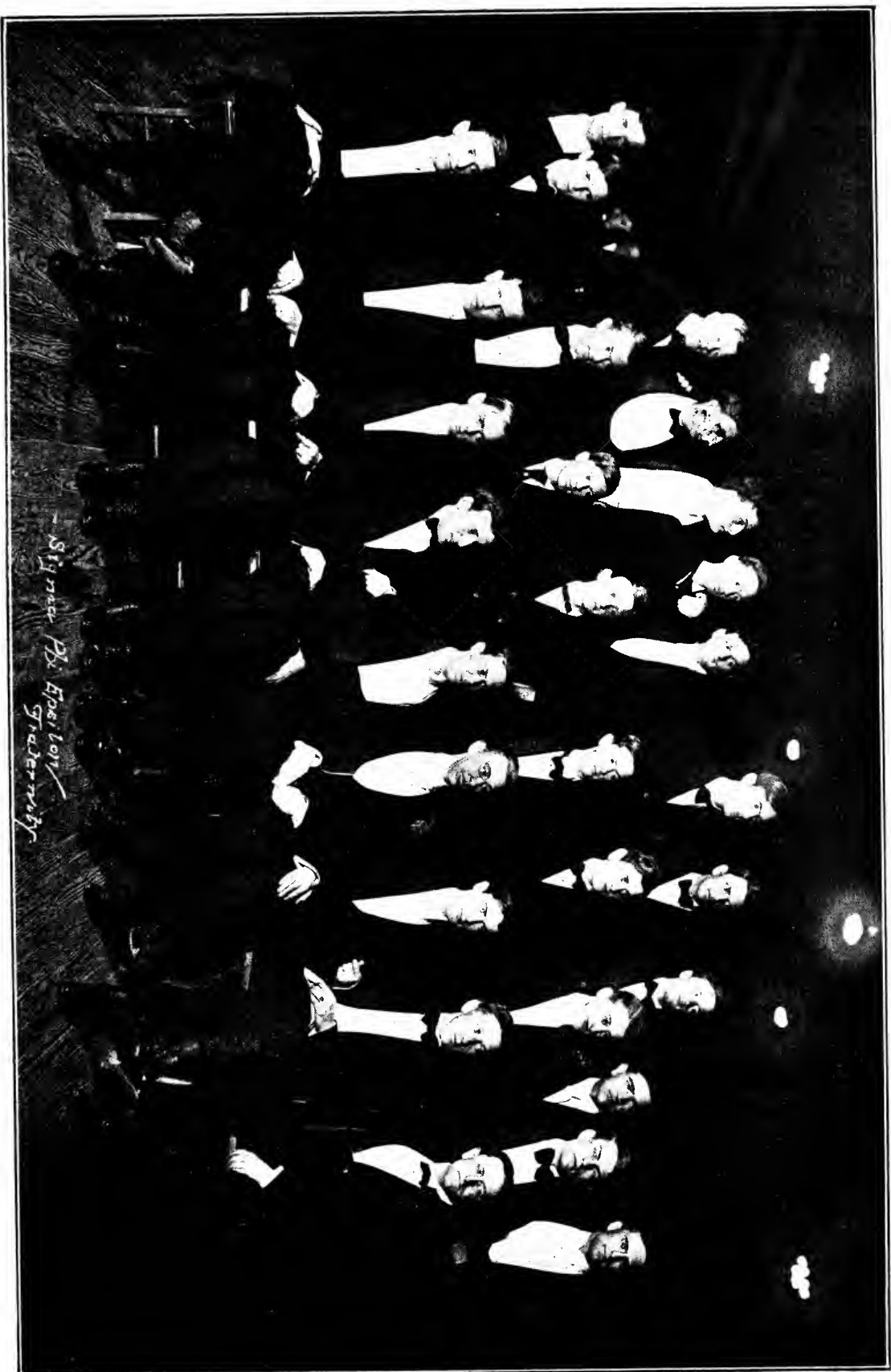
and J. A. Neugebauer, of Norfolk; Mrs. R. M. Berry, Mrs. Yates McAlpine Wilson, Mrs. L. W. T. Waller, Mrs. J. Griff Edwards, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Edward L. Walridge, of St. Johns, Mich.; Miss Emma Little, of Plainfield, N. J.; Mrs. Mabel Walcott Brown, of Boston, in charge respectively of the Michigan, New Jersey, and Massachusetts State buildings at the Exposition; and Mrs. James W. Shaffer, of Wilmington, Del.

“In addition to the members of this fraternity and other fraternity men in Norfolk for the purpose of witnessing the foot-ball games, there were present representatives from the foot-ball teams of the University of Virginia and A. and M. College of North Carolina, playing in Norfolk that day, as well as Richmond College and William and Mary, playing in Newport News at the same time. Led by Ellery's Band, the beautiful affair opened with a grand march promptly at 9 o'clock and ended shortly after midnight.

“The committee who had charge of the ball were Mr. D. Tillar I'Anson, Mr. T. A. Tatterson, Mr. C. B. Shaffer, and Mr. G. L. Doughty.”

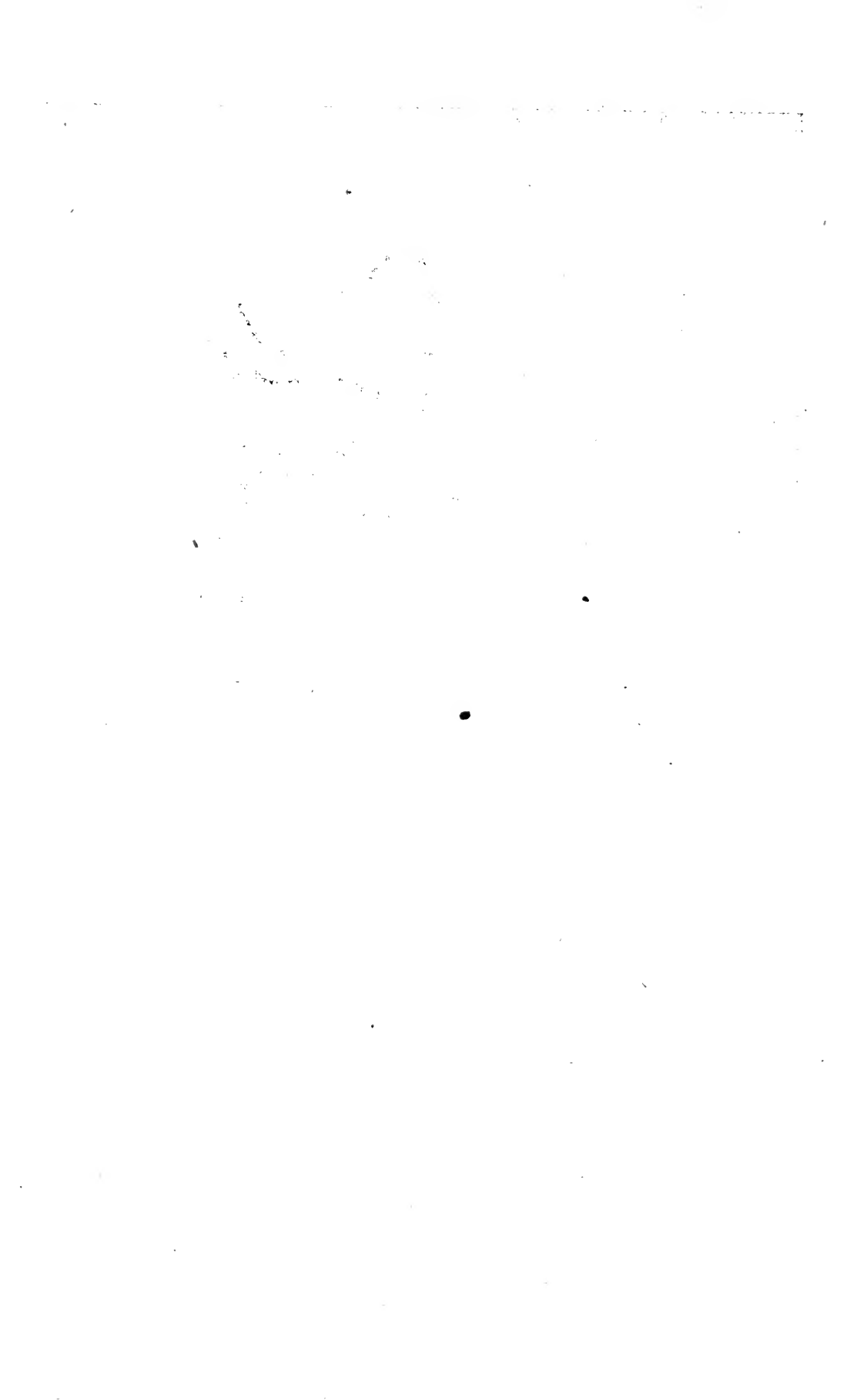






# SIGMA PHI EPSILONS

AT JAMESTOWN, NOVEMBER 28, 1907.



# Chapter Letters.

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## Alpha.

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### Richmond College.

Meets in Hall on Campus every Saturday Evening at 7:30.

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Alpha wishes to congratulate THE JOURNAL management and every chapter of the fraternity upon the excellence of the last issue of THE JOURNAL. It was by far the best issue we have yet had, and we hope this standard may be kept up and even improved upon with every issue.

Since the fall letter we have initiated five men into the brotherhood:

W. N. Mountjoy, of Richmond, Va., '08, Law.

Three Freshmen of the Academic Class:

L. W. George, of Richmond, Va.

Charles Phillips, of Richmond, Va.

J. D. S. Knight, of Philadelphia.

Thornton Jones, of Texas, '10 Class.

All of these men are worthy to bear the standard of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Charles Phillips is a brother of S. K. Phillips, our Grand Secretary.

We were very much grieved to lose Brother "Rattler" Tilman, one of our strongest men, as well as one of the strongest in College. This loss was bad enough, yet we will be further weakened by the absence of his room-mate, "Texas" Jones, after Xmas. Both of these men were members of the foot-ball team, and will be greatly missed on the gridiron next year, as both have decided to enter business—one in Charlottesville, Va., the other in Plain Field, Texas.

We were pleased to have some Eta brothers with us on October 26th, who were on their way to a "goating" at Zeta.

Brothers George, Tilman, and Jones enjoyed the hospitality

of the brothers at University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, and Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina when our foot-ball team played the teams of those institutions.

We wish to congratulate the new alumni chapter in Norfolk on the success of the ball given by them at the Jamestown Exposition on Thanksgiving night. We regret that all of us could not be present, especially so after hearing the glowing descriptions given by Brothers Nottingham, Tilman, and Phillips.

The chapter was very much benefited by a week's visit of Brother Webster. He claimed to have come down from Chester, Pa., to see the Alpha brothers and the Randolph-Macon foot-ball game, but, by the late hours he kept, and his continued absence from the campus, we much fear that there was "a woman in the case."

Brothers Joe Shue and Fritz Wright spent a few days with us Thanksgiving week.

The new ritual has been used at all of our initiations. The more familiar we become with it the better we like it. Every member of Alpha thinks that the adoption of this ritual was a great step in the advancement of our fraternity. We hope that every chapter will study it closely, and be ready to present practical suggestions for its improvement to the next Conclave.

Alpha extends to Nu Alpha and Delta Epsilon, the two new stars in our fraternity, a warm brotherly greeting, and invite them, when in the Southern capital, to pay Alpha a visit.

Alpha sends the best wishes of the season to every chapter and every individual of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

·Fraternally,

ALPHA.

*E. W. Hudgins,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

## Gamma Beta.

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West Virginia University.

Meets every Thursday at 10 P. M. at 540 Spruce Street.

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Since the last letter to THE JOURNAL Gamma Beta has enjoyed the privilege of gathering four new members into the fold, and imparted to them the secrets and workings of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . The new brothers are :

George Linn, '09, Law, Charleston, W. Va.

Ernest Pixler, '11, Engineering, Morgantown, W. Va.

Bruce Wilson, '11, Engineering, Charleston, W. Va.

Leroy P. Halway, '09, Engineering, Columbiana, Ohio.

This addition is no bad term's work, considering the great opposition manifested in securing men in the different fraternities.

On the evening of November 22, 1907, from 8 till 12 o'clock, the above-named men were initiated, after which there was held, at Bishop's dining parlors, the first banquet of the school year, in celebration of the increase of our number. Brother J. H. Jenkins acted as toast-master. Many short speeches were made, and the fraternity song sung, after which a history of Sigma Phi Epsilon was given by Brothers J. T. West and C. M. Bennett. The recital of the good work accomplished in the few short years of our experience as a fraternity certainly made an impression upon those in attendance upon the banquet, and the brothers left with the aim and ambition to make this one of the most successful years in our work.

We are pleased to note the fact that we have another member in our midst, who has not as yet made himself conspicuous in fraternity circles. We will call him A. D., Jr. Brother Alexander D. Bell and wife are the proud possessors of this baby boy. Brother Bell attends the meetings smiling these days.

Brother J. E. Wilson, '07, has been visiting the chapter the last few days, while *en route* to and from his home at Man-nington. Brother Wilson is located at Logansport, Ind., and is

in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He attended the Washington and Jefferson and West Virginia football game, at Washington, Pa., Thanksgiving Day.

Brother J. B. Wyatt visited the fraternity shortly after the beginning of the term. The cares of professorship have not lessened "Fat" of his joviality.

Brothers Pixler, Hartley, and West accompanied the football team to Pittsburg, Pa., and witnessed the W. U. P.-W. V. U. game. While there they met Brothers "Peanut" Allison, '04, Law; "Guinea" Rupert, and C. C. Holland.

Brothers Tracy, Jenkins, and Gorby attended the famous football game Thanksgiving Day between W. and J. and W. V. U.

Brothers Linn and Devenny represented Gamma Beta at Sigma Phi Epsilon exercises at the Jamestown Exposition on Thanksgiving Day. They bring back the most favorable reports of the hospitality of the brothers whom they met.

Brother Mont. McIntire, the prospective football captain for next year, covered himself with honor by the strong game he played throughout the season. In none of the games did "Tubby" meet an opponent who could handle him consistently. "Mac's" record for never having been put out of a game by an injury remains unbroken.

We wish to extend a cordial invitation to all brothers to visit our chapter while in Morgantown.

Fraternally,

GAMMA BETA.

G. W. Price,

*Chapter Historian.*

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## Delta Beta.

Jefferson Medical College.

Fraternity House, 327 South Eleventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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At this, the time of extending greetings, Delta Beta desires to do her part. Each number of THE JOURNAL records the enlistment of a new chapter to our seemingly endless fraternal chain.



To these sister chapters Delta Beta extends a most hearty welcome. It is certainly encouraging to learn how we are making our way into the prominent colleges and universities of this great land.

How shall we ever repay our Grand Chapter officers for their untiring efforts?

The chapter has had the pleasure of entertaining a number of brothers from sister chapters—Mu Alpha and Delta Epsilon particularly. We are also frequently visited by our alumni brothers, who are in the city taking the State Medical Board examinations, and glad to say they are favorably impressed with their work thus far.

The holiday vacation is rapidly approaching, and each brother will likely spend a few weeks at his parental domicile or the home of a brother. In order that Delta Beta's cohorts may have the pleasure of meeting and greeting brothers, the following addresses may lend assistance:

N. C. Baker, Milford, N. H.

V. E. Bonelli, M. D., 327 south Eleventh street, Philadelphia.

P. C. Douress, Trenton, N. J.

L. H. Dick, Fifty-Fourth street and Chester avenue, Philadelphia.

H. H. Beck, 713 Jefferson avenue, Washington, Pa.

C. B. Forcey, 216 north Second street, Clearfield, Pa.

Robert Furlong, Rosco, Pa.

C. S. Gracey, Everett, Pa.

C. M. Glassmire, 305 east Broad street, Tamaqua, Pa.

G. S. Hensyl, 224 east Third street, Berwick, Pa.

W. H. Herriott, Oakdale, Pa.

W. H. Hinkel, 26 north Maple street, Mount Carmel, Pa.

L. M. Holt, Eighth and Daisy streets, Clearfield, Pa.

R. W. Johnston, New Bloomfield, Pa.

A. S. Jones, Dundee, N. Y.

R. L. Jones, Nobleboro, Me.

J. L. McCracken, Wind Ridge, Pa.

L. E. McKee, 113 Lexington avenue, Altoona, Pa.

C. R. McKinney, Dravosburg, Pa.

R. E. Powell, 145 south Fifty-Fifth street, Philadelphia.

M. C. Rumbaugh, Millerstown, Pa.

C. M. Thomas, Fourth and Chestnut streets, Sunbury, Pa.

W. A. Toland, 1603 north Fifteenth street, Philadelphia.

C. C. Turner, 88 Hanover street, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

C. Weiland, Jr., 617 Vine street, Philadelphia.

H. B. Wood, 334 north Morris street, Waynesburg, Pa.

Since our last letter the chapter entertained at a "smoker," when we came in touch with some excellent initiative material. It proved to be a very delightful affair. We enjoyed the presence of a number of our alumni, honorary brothers, and brothers from Delta Delta. As a result of our labors we have added nine members to our list. To some this may seem small, while to others a large number, yet acceptances were quite frequently interspersed with rejections.

This year is seeing great strides in the line of athletics at "Jeff." She has organized an athletic association, and is beginning upon a sound basis, which is being carefully steered by a worthy Sigma Phi Epsilon, Brother Hinkel, who at centre was one of the "Johnnies on the spot" of the foot-ball team. In this year's annual contest with our old rival, Medico-Chi., the best we could do against her imported "stock" was an 0-0 score. As usual, the intense rivalry was manifested, with the betting, cheering, and all-in-all spirit in favor of the "black and blue."

Just now our boys are plugging for their section examinations, and all is quiet. The sympathy of the upper classmen is pouring forth upon the "Freshies" in their writhing toil with the "ologies." Yet there is one consolation—something higher awaiting.

Wishing all brothers a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year, we are yours in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ ,

DELTA BETA.

C. S. Gracey,

*Chapter Historian.*

## Delta Gamma.

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Western University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa.

Meets every Tuesday at 12:30 P. M., at Fraternity House, 3019 Brereton Avenue.

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### *Most Hearty Greetings to all Sister Chapters:*

This is the period of the mid-term examinations here. Everything and every one has suddenly assumed a most studious mien, which we fear may become permanent should the "sifting out process" be of long duration.

Throughout the city the midnight oil is being burned unsparingly, while, buried in the depths of the pages of huge volumes on "medicine," students are absorbing that which will enable them to side-step the wary and dreaded demon, "Flunk."

Girl friends, in the meantime, spend their evenings in uninterrupted solitude—dreaming of poor hard-worked "George," or "John," or "Brontz."

But, notwithstanding the press of the examination time, it is indeed with great pleasure and encouragement that the Historian writes this letter. Prospects were never brighter for Delta Gamma.

We have succeeded in securing some excellent new members, the very best in their respective classes—men who will honor not only Delta Gamma, but the fraternity at large.

We take great pleasure in introducing the following new brothers:

H. E. Helling, '09, Ellwood City, Pa.

T. M. Brown, '09, Republic of Panama.

C. A. Hanck, '10, Pittsburg, Pa.

W. P. Sammons, '11, Pittsburg, Pa.

Charles Pontias, '11, Chicora, Pa.

C. E. Mullin, '11, Alleghany, Pa.

C. H. Bailey, '11, Greenville, Pa.

We have also secured three excellent pledges.

Our initiation was held on the evening of November 21st,

and the Ritual was tried for the first time. Every one pronounced the result as grand.

The features of the evening were the guitar and mandolin music by Brothers Patterson, Brown, and Pontias; the vocal selections rendered by the chapter quartet, composed of Brothers "Bert" Eiler, first tenor; Floyd Patterson, second tenor; John Duggan, first bass; Fred Rhoads, second bass; and last, but not least, the "feed."

A feature not scheduled in the program was the "Clearing House Check" disappearing act, by Brother Dixon, but this "stunt" will not bear exposure.

Our chapter has been especially honored by the appointment of Bro. J. J. O'Sullivan, M. D., to assistant professor to the Chair of Hygiene in the Medical Department.

Brother Chatham, substitute half back on the 'Varsity, crowned us with honor by the manner in which he carried the ball for a long gain in the second half of the game on Thanksgiving day, when the State "warriors" were defeated by the W. U. P.'s with a score of 6-0.

Bro. S. B. Anderson has been appointed resident physician at the Ohio Valley Hospital, Pittsburg.

Wishing every brother "a merry Christmas and happy New Year," and extending a most cordial invitation to any brother who cares to "drop in" and test our hospitality, we are,

Fraternally,

*H. B. Jones,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DELTA GAMMA.

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## Delta Delta.

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University of Pennsylvania.

Meets every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, in Fraternity House, 3717 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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It is with great pleasure that Delta Delta again sends greetings to her sister chapters through THE JOURNAL. Since

our last letter we have taken in three new members and pledged two. We take pleasure in introducing our three new brothers :

John A. Derivaux, '08, Newark, N. J.

Don C. Kent, '11, Rolfe, Iowa.

Hugh G. Pipes, '10, Presque Isle, Me.

Last week we held a "smoker," and three brothers from Delta Beta Chapter were with us.

Bro. J. D. Kerr, of Philadelphia Hospital, has paid us several visits during the session, and, needless to say, we are always glad to see him, as he is one of our most loyal alumni.

Bros. R. A. Keilty and C. G. Brumbaugh, of Lancaster General Hospital, have paid us a few visits, which we enjoyed and appreciated.

One of our brothers from Mu Alpha also paid us a visit, which we all enjoyed.

Our officers for the ensuing year are J. T. Delaney, C. R. Keilty, G. Kilduff, W. F. Sibley, H. A. Delaney, and J. Andrews.

In closing, Delta Delta extends "a merry Christmas and a happy New Year" to her sister chapters.

Yours fraternally,

*H. A. Delaney,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

DELTA DELTA.

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## Beta Alpha.

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College of Physicians and Surgeons of University of Illinois.  
Meets Every Monday Night at Fraternity House, 352 Warren Avenue.

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It hardly seems possible that two months can have passed since Beta Alpha exchanged greetings with her sister chapters, but the calendar says so, and Sigma Phi Epsilon men must keep up with time in spite of feelings. The two months passed have had their sunny and cloudy days. Work is always stacked up before us, tasks apparently insurmountable at times, but "Is everybody happy?" Sure.

Since our last letter was written we have been favored with

two visits from Grand President Cooney, who impressed us as a man worthy of being at the head of Sigma Phi Epsilon. It did us all good to hear of the flourishing condition of Sigma Phi Epsilon throughout the country, and of our two new sisters, Nu Alpha and Delta Epsilon, to whom we extend hearty welcome and congratulations. President Cooney also acquainted us with the new Ritual, which we shall use at our earliest occasion. We believe that the Ritual sets forth principles that cannot but make a man's ideals higher and hence make the man greater.

Dr. Emil H. Rach, '06, who was a strong man in Sigma Phi Epsilon while in college, has recently entered the state of matrimony, and is now practicing in Pullman, Ill. Brother Bergland, of Marinette, Wis., made us a call while in the city to attend Brother Rach's wedding.

During the past week we have entertained at the chapter house Brother Hawkinson, '06, who has charge of the Lakeside Sanitarium, at Lake Geneva, Wis., and Brother Wakefield, '07, from Bloomington, Ill.

Brother Norris, who was reported in the list of foot-ball victims by the daily papers as having suffered concussion of the brain, we are glad to say, suffered no such accident. Brother Norris entered a game of foot-ball between the College of Physicians and Surgeons and St. Vincent's College on November 16th. After playing for about three minutes Norris went to sleep and woke up that night in a hospital. He was out the next day, however, and back to the Fraternity House, and, with the exception of wearing a black eye for a few days, suffered nothing from the accident.

Beta Alpha has a number of pledges, whom we will introduce as brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in our next chapter letter.

Wishing to every one many happy returns of the holiday season, we remain,

Faternally,

BETA ALPHA.

*Mylo Lee,*

*Chapter Historian.*



## Epsilon Alpha.

University of Colorado.

Meets every Monday Evening at 7 o'clock, 1139 Twelfth Street.

It is with pleasure that Epsilon Alpha again may take advantage of the opportunity to greet her sister chapters to tell them of her progress as a chapter of a young but rising fraternity, and to contribute to a JOURNAL which acts as one of the strongest bonds holding us together. It is needless to say that we of Epsilon Alpha await with great expectancy the appearance of THE JOURNAL at the end of each quarter; for through that, as nothing else, are we able to discern something of the progress that is being made by the fraternity in general in the consummation of the great principles for which it stands. And, at the same time, we are able to discover what influences, common to all the chapters, prompt us to work for the realization of the plans upon which  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is based. Here we see a concerted movement—a pulling together, we might say—of all the chapters for asserting and placing in evidence those things which are bound to bring respect from both the fraternity world at large and from the sphere of non-fraternity men. We have pitched our line of policy high, but, knowing that our policy is already secure, we have but to conform to it in the future, as in the past, to insure for  $\Sigma \Phi E$  a continuance of her almost wonderful progress.

We of Epsilon Alpha feel we have well maintained our reputation for securing conscientious men by unfolding to

Charles H. Adams,

William D. Schuster,

Harold Waldo,

Edward V. Dunklee,

the secrets of this fraternity, and explaining to them the responsibility placed upon a member of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . They have proven themselves exceedingly apt pupils to our teachings, and we feel that we have given to  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at large four brothers who will

always have its interests at heart, and who will always work untiringly for the realization of anything that the fraternity, as a whole, may see fit to advocate. These brothers are not only active fraternity workers, but in their university life we find evidence of their ability to forge forward. Brother Adams is a prominent member of the University of Colorado Debating Club—a club exclusively for men who have an “argumentative” turn of mind. And through his work in this debating club Brother Adams has every chance and prospect to make the inter-collegiate debating team, which holds its annual debates with the Utah, Kansas, and Missouri Universities in February of each year.

Brother Schuster is a basket-ball player of no mean ability, and, while it can hardly be expected of him to make the 'Varsity five in his Freshman year, his conscientious practice in this branch of athletics can but mean that before graduation he will wear a block “C” on his basket-ball jersey.

Brother Waldo, who is our worthy representative in the law school of the University, is doing most creditable work, he having the distinction of pulling the highest mark in the “Blackstone” final. Ninety-nine per cent. was his mark, and, as the grades ranged from this down to twenty per cent., we feel that we are justly proud of his showing, for it means that in the future we can, in all probability, address one of our brothers as “Judge Waldo.”

Brother Dunklee is Vice-President of the Freshman Class, and his college spirit has so seemed to enthuse his class-mates that they have built larger bon-fires than any former Freshman class. (These bon-fires are built on nights preceding our big foot-ball games, when rallies are held.) In fact, the Freshmen of this year are so thoroughly imbued with the college spirit that the upper classmen will be compelled to ferret out all their old precedents to keep from being overwhelmed by the dirge of precedents being set by the Freshman class.

While our new men are thus working for the honor of school and fraternity, our old men are also creditably acquitting themselves. Bros. H. E. Sovereign, R. B. Stitzer, and E. L. Greenwald

have been made members of the honorary engineering society T B II. Of six men elected into the Colorado Beta Chapter of the society, we have three, and who can estimate the benefit that Epsilon Alpha will derive from the fact that such a large percentage of this year's initiates into T B II are her members.

Under the editorship of Bro. E. T. Anderson, this year's *Coloradoan* promises to be one of the best ever published, even surpassing, in point of interest, last year's, which many regarded as the best Annual ever published by the students of Colorado University.

Brothers Stitzer and Greenwald, manager and editor, respectively, of the *Colorado University Engineering Journal*, are winning for us the good will of the Engineering School by putting out a journal that will compare favorably with any student engineering journal of its size in the United States, and which makes as its purpose the furthering of student engineering interests in the State and a closer and more intimate acquaintance with the engineering schools of the country.

During the last quarter we were able to learn a vast deal about the work and purpose of our sister chapters through Grand President Bro. N. R. Cooney, who visited with us for a few days. This was one of our first opportunities to learn from a member of the Grand Chapter what was really being done within the ranks of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and, at the same time, we demonstrated to him something of Epsilon Alpha's work in the past and present and something of her plans for the future. Through his visit we feel that we have been brought closer than ever to the other chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and that this western chapter can now work more smoothly with its sister chapters for the realization of any plans that have been or may be proposed by the Grand Chapter.

In closing, Epsilon Alpha extends a most cordial and fraternal invitation to any brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  who may travel to the West during the Christmas holidays, to visit with us, either at our chapter house, in Boulder, or at our various homes in Colorado.

Wishing each and every brother "a merry Christmas and a most pleasant vacation," we are,

Fraternally yours,

W. H. Lowther,  
Chapter Historian.

EPSILON ALPHA.

## Delta.

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### William and Mary College.

Meets every Friday at 11 P. M., in Chapter House, on Duke of Gloucester Street.

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Dear Brothers,—The reading of your letters in the latest issue of our common medium of communication, THE JOURNAL, made us realize more fully what it means to be enlisted in the ranks of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . We were gratified beyond expression at the spirit in which they were written, and at the success which our beloved brotherhood seems to be enjoying wherever its chapters are located.

There is one thing that especially appeals to us about all of our brothers, and that is the high ideals which seem to fire their souls and the illimitable amount of energy displayed in their attainment. It is an ethical fact, we believe, that we never quite reach our ideals; but, however that may be, there is a vast deal of consolation in realizing that we have even approximated them. And while to-day we may have standards which seem impossible to reach, we do know by experience that at some subsequent time, perhaps to-morrow, there is a great probability of even going beyond them. And we are persuaded that if we continue to centre our aims upon the more lasting things of life, and beligerently defend our principles, as it were, against the onslaughts of opposition, of whatever nature, whether in our own midst or from outside sources, we shall soon arouse a fraternal spirit that will be "as broad and general as the casing air," and that will make our influence felt wherever our banner waves.

We must, dear comrades and brothers, remember to keep our ideals high, and to strive every day to get at least one step nearer the goal of perfection. If this is done, we need have no fear about the safety of our fraternity, for "it must follow as the night the day" that success, glory, and honor will crown our efforts.

As already said, it is with a spirit of firmest approval of prevailing conditions, and not with a spirit of criticism, that

we write thus to you. It is from you, brother correspondents, brothers all, that we have gleaned this stimulus which alone is responsible for our present happy mood toward you ; it is this same good spirit which enables us to presage with any degree of accuracy the destiny of our great organization. But, however optimistic we may now be as to its destiny, there is lurking around about us always a hidden monster, who would bring ruin to the things we love. There is a danger, as we extend our ranks all over this great country of ours, as we grow in years and fraternity prestige, of becoming too sectional and individualistic ; and, if such *should* be the result, the activity of all the parts necessary for a perfect organism would be destroyed, and that organization which we now enshrine in our heart of hearts, and which bears such a vital relation to us, will be transformed into a disrupted and chaotic confusion. And so we say, brothers, that while there are yet no signs of internal dissension, and while everything seems to be resting calmly and peacefully beneath the inspiring smiles of good fortune, let us watch lest the discordant hand move among us and spoil for all time the harmony of that song which we have all sung, and fain would sing on forever, "Sigma Phi Epsilon, Hail to Thee!"

The spirit of which we have been speaking we feel reigns in the sons of Delta, and, while they are prone sometimes to neglect the things which pertain to the achievement of their aims, they are of such a calibre that they always try to profit by the mistakes of the past. They never forget to apply the old but fitting adage, "If you try and don't succeed, try, try again." We are practically safe in saying that never before in her checkered history has her members been so thoroughly interested in the workings of the fraternity at large, as well as in striving to upbuild and uphold the local chapter. Each man has come to feel it a crime to absent himself from a meeting, and tries always to perform, as far as possible, the duties assigned him. We are proud to proclaim such a spirit to others of our number, for we recognize it gives strength to the chapter, and as the chapters are, so is the fraternity.

In college honors we have never failed to receive our full quota, notwithstanding the fact that our chapter this year is composed largely of Freshmen and Sophomores. Bro. Bruce Barber has been our "star" end on the 'Varsity foot-ball team, and Brother Creekmore has fought manfully and well on the second team.

We always thought until recently that our men were very prosaic in their style of writing, but since the class elections we have had to change our views. Bro. F. C. H. McLean has been unanimously elected poet of the Sophomore class. We have learned also that he is a regular contributor to our college magazine. It was very gratifying to discover this talent among us, and we hope that it is not far distant when he will be hailed as our poet laureate.

Bro. V. L. Arnold has also been elected poet of his class. We congratulate him for this literary distinction, and we trust that it may be said of him, in the language of Keats:

"Then felt I like some watcher of the skies,  
When a new planet swims into its ken."

However, so much sudden prominence causes us to fear that the saying "Poets are born, and not made," has been reversed.

Bro. G. C. Taylor was elected historian of the Sophomore class. We feel sure that he will make an efficient officer, having served in this capacity while a Freshman.

In addition to college honors, we have also succeeded in gathering into the folds of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  another worthy son,

J. W. Pendleton, of Disputanta, Va.

He is a young man of great possibilities, of high ideals, and of sterling worth, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that we can introduce him to all of our brothers.

Before this reaches you those Christmas days of festivity and joy will have passed. However, we of Delta wish that every wearer of our little signet may enjoy himself to the fullest extent. We hope that every tie of friendship may be renewed, and, when we return after the holidays, we hope that we shall also renew our pledges of faithfulness and loyalty to our fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

DELTA.

*G. L. H. Johnson,*  
*Chapter Historian.*



## Eta Beta.

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North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M.

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To every brother Eta Beta sends greetings.

Now that exams. are upon us, we are all busy scratching our heads for a pass or worrying because we didn't get a hundred; but, just think, after these are over we will all be with the ones we love, enjoying the sports which the different locations afford and the different palate-ticklers the markets produce.

Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL Eta Beta has unfolded the secrets of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to three new men, who are already proving themselves worthy, and it is now with pleasure we introduce to our sister chapters brothers

S. M. Mallison, '09, Washington, N. C.

Derwood Abernathy, '11, Hickory, N. C.

E. S. Blount, '11, Roper, N. C.

Brothers Tilman and George, of Alpha, honored us with their presence during the past month, and we were only sorry they had to leave so soon.

Although  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is always pushing to the front, Thanksgiving Day at Norfolk, better known as Sigma Phi Epsilon Day, was the greatest step forward in her history. Eta Beta was represented by Brothers Moore, Parks, Dawson, Hampton, and Jones, and we had the pleasure of meeting brothers from many of our sister chapters. The dance at the Convention Hall was just simply great, and Brothers Shaffer and I'Anson are to be congratulated on its success. We are only sorry that every wearer of the "heart" was not present to enjoy the occasion. Those who could not dance, or were studying for the ministry (which profession I hope a majority are following), would certainly have enjoyed that claret punch, which Eta Beta helped to so readily and willingly dispose of.

Among our brothers at Norfolk it was not only a pleasure

but an honor, to have held the hand of our beloved brother, William L. Phillips, whose whole thought seems to be in the interest of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and who works so hard and succeeds so well in making our JOURNAL the best.

Although we are not represented on the foot-ball squad, most of our brothers being scholars or ladies' men, we are proud to say that we are a part of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, which, after defeating the University of Virginia on Thanksgiving Day, at Norfolk, by a score of 10 to 4, now holds the championship of the South Atlantic States. This was the greatest day in the history of athletics at A. and M., and probably the saddest at the U. Va. Virginia played well, but the former played *harder* and *weller*, thus winning a victory on a Virginia gridiron, repeating what our Tarheel forefathers did in battle on Virginia soil.

Hoping that Santa Claus will fill every brother's stocking (or the stocking he uses) with good things, and wishing all a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, and extending a hearty welcome to all, we are,

Fraternally,

ETA BETA.

R. F. Jones,  
Chapter Historian.

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## Theta Alpha.

Ohio Northern University.

Meets every Saturday Evening at 5:30 o'clock at 12 South Main Street.

*Greetings to all Sister Chapters:*

We hope that our sister chapters have enjoyed their Thanksgiving holidays. Theta Alpha has enjoyed itself to the fullest extent. Some of the brothers spent the holidays with their parents and sweethearts, and some of us stayed here with our good old school friends and—sweethearts.

Theta Alpha has given more than her share to the social

"doings" this fall. The day that Western Reserve University played here we gave a dance in honor of our 'Varsity and the Western Reserve team. Every person said it was the biggest social success ever "pulled off" in the little city of Ada. The hall (we held it in the Armory) was decorated in red and purple, and the electric display was beautiful. The success of the ball was due to the work of Brother Allen, with the assistance of Brother Runser.

A week later we gave a euchre party to our lady friends. Of course it was also a big success.

We have our share of the good men in school. The following is a list of the active members, twenty-one in all:

Arthur J. White, who is a charter member of Theta Alpha and one of our musicians.

F. R. Allen, chairman of our Social Committee, to whom our pleasures are all due, will soon leave us, going to Japan to follow his profession. Allen was half back on the 'Varsity football, but had his shoulder dislocated in the Washington and Jefferson game. Since then he has been out of the game.

Clarence L. Miller, quarter back for the "scrubs" football team, shows as a factor for that position on next year's 'Varsity.

H. S. Miller has the great distinction of rooming with "our Monty." We have a number of soldier boys in Theta Alpha, but Brother Miller is the only sailor. He took a course on the U. S. S. "Saratoga."

A. H. Sherrick, who is large enough to make the 'Varsity football team, did not come out, as his studies interfered with his practice.

R. H. Gramm, our President, who is responsible for this era of prosperity, played half back on the "scrub" team.

L. T. Monroe, who is better known as just plain "Monty."

H. H. White, another one just like Brother Sherrick.

M. O. Enterline, who is our Historian.

R. K. Mee, who intends to leave school soon.

S. B. Dickerson, a ladies' man, and also a Galion county farmer.

F. B. Atherton, who is Major (the highest military position that can be held by a student) at O. N. U.

Ben. Bennet, who is a great musician.

Blaine Cochran, the best singer in school.

Charles Graw, who was manager of the Duquesne Orchestra at Pittsburg, Pa.

Bryant, Lieutenant of Company B, O. N. U. Cadets.

Morton is our star track man, and probably will be captain of the 1908 track team. He was the two-mile runner at the Ohio State University last year.

Lieutenant Holcomb, U. S. A. The Lieutenant is military commandant here, and is also studying law.

Damon, "the man with the laugh," who will enter Ohio State University next year.

Howard Good, star right half back on the 'Varsity this year, and who is prospective captain for next year's team.

Kohler, who is Good's room-mate, and whose ambition is to be a good draughtsman.

The last eleven are new members, and we are sure they are the best material in the school.

Brother Runser, superintendent of the Ada H., L. & W. Co., calls on us often.

C. R. Wilson, who is an honorary member, is proprietor of the 'Varsity book-store. We see Brother Wilson quite often. We are glad to have the advice of these older brothers,

Brothers Bennet and Cochran will leave in a day or two to take the State bar examinations at Columbus, O. Our best wishes go with them.

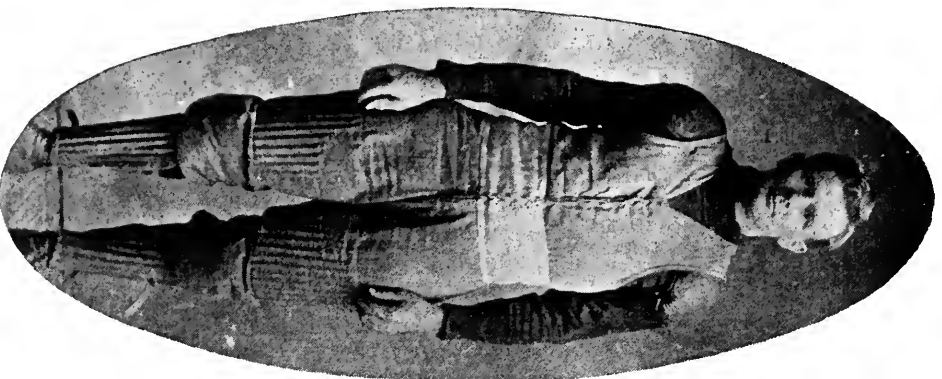
We are more than glad to welcome our sister chapters at Lehigh and University of Arkansas. We hope they will have the best of success, and, from what Brother Cooney has told us, we have every right to be proud of them.

Our sympathy goes out to the brothers of Eta Beta Chapter, and also to Bro. J. A. Porter's parents in their bereavement.

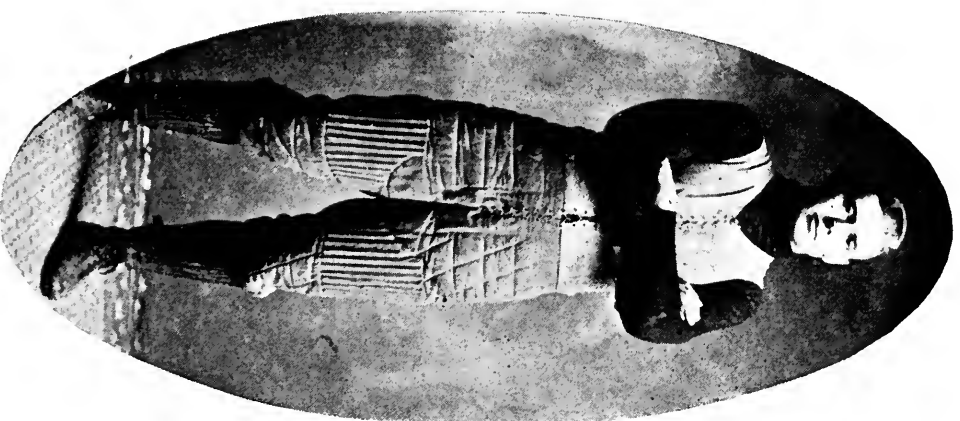
After looking over the best material in the school, we have finally narrowed our choice to ten men, who we hope may be



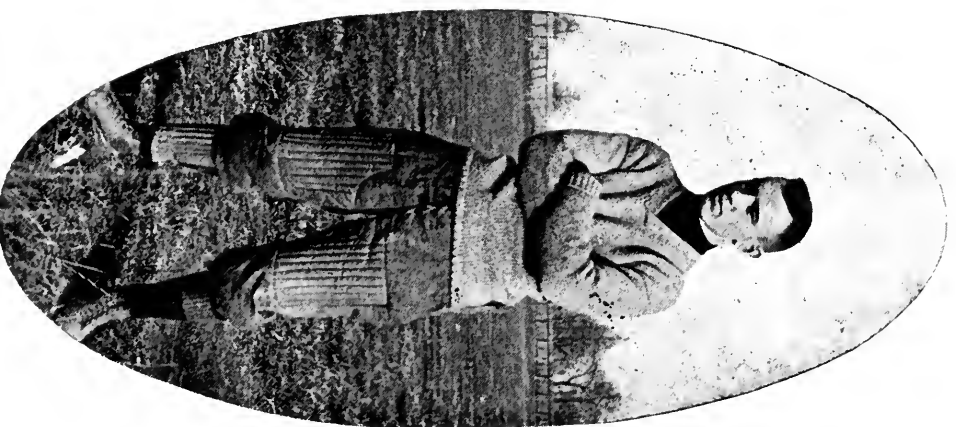
R. H. GRAMM,  
Scrub Right Half-Back,  
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.



J. E. CAMPBELL,  
Varsity Centre.



W. HOWARD GOOD,  
Varsity Right Half-Back,  
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.



CLARENCE LYSLE MILLER,  
Substitute Quarter-Back,  
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.



brothers in the near future. These men are all making good in the different departments of school.

Bro. W. F. Rittman, who is at Swarthmore, was elected president of the Senior Class and also a member of the Glee Club. We are certainly proud of the record Brother Rittman has made at Swarthmore.

Bro. Ed. Williams is visiting in town, and called on us at the hall. Glad to have you with us, "Ed."

Bro. C. L. Miller has formulated a plan by which a directory of the active and alumni members of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  can be kept. Brother Miller thinks this is a long-felt want, and hopes all the chapters will co-operate in making this a success.

The Xmas holidays are coming, and we are all looking forward to a happy reunion. But the happiest of all will be the return to school and fraternity life after New Year's.

Wishing all our sister chapters a merry Xmas and a happy New Year, we are

Fraternally,

THETA ALPHA.

*Mervyn O. Enterline,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## Iota Alpha.

**Purdue University.**

Meets every Saturday at 8 o'clock P. M., 41 Salisbury Street.

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W. LAFAYETTE, IND., Dec. 2, 1907.

Iota Alpha again extends greetings and best wishes to all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

We note with pleasure the general prosperity of the brotherhood, and this is proof of the "never say die" spirit which has marked the progress of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  everywhere. All the chapters seem to be up and doing, and earnestly striving to place the banner of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  foremost in the ranks of the Greek-letter world. Our ideals are the highest, and a strict adherence to them will make us better and more capable men, not only in our college

life, but in our struggles after graduation, when the fruits of ideals implanted early become apparent.

But to return to our own chapter. On November 23d, the day of the Purdue-Notre Dame game, we entertained a number of our friends from Lafayette and neighboring cities with a football party, followed by a dinner at the chapter house, and then an informal dance in the evening, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Brother Sprau, '06, and wife were guests, and we were all delighted to see them, it being "Friar Tuck's" first visit since his graduation.

We have several men taking part in athletics this year. Brother Supy won his numerals on the Sophomore foot-ball team, and Brother Keller took third in the annual cross-country run. Brothers B. R. Lewis and F. K. Leonard are on the '09 basket-ball squad. Pledge Eckles is captain of the '10 basket-ball team, and is regarded as one of the best forwards in the University.

Since our last letter we have pledged three men, whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity :

Claus A. Best, '11, Indianapolis, Ind.

J. L. Hascall, '10, East Chicago, Ind.

C. A. Eckles, '10, Youngstown, Ohio.

We now have twenty-four men. This is larger, probably, than our chapters in a great many schools, but we find that it is more economical with this number than with a few, and the fraternal spirit is not lessened in the least, but, on the other hand, enlivened.

Among our recent visitors have been Bro. J. E. Wilson, Gamma Beta, who is employed at Logansport, Ind., and Bro. W. J. Priestly, Delta Epsilon, who was here in attendance at the National Convention of T B II. We are certainly glad to have had these brothers with us, as nothing gives more pleasure than to entertain our visiting brothers.

Wishing all our sister chapters a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

IOTA ALPHA.

*L. V. Sheridan,*

*Chapter Historian.*



## Kappa Alpha.

Syracuse University.

Meets every Friday Evening at 7:30 o'clock, 303 Waverly Avenue.

Thanksgiving recess is over, and the tables spread with turkey and cranberries, around which many of the brothers sat in their homes, is a thing of the past. We are back in our home, hard at work. With a period of only three weeks between Thanksgiving recess and Christmas vacation, and with mid-year examinations soon after we return, it behooves us to stick to our studies or be favored with a *flunko flunkere suspendi expulsus*.

Since our last letter many events of interest have occurred. I will write concerning some of them. Two new men have been admitted to our circle of fraters, and we are pleased to introduce to you Brothers

Arthur L. Billings, Prattsburg, N. Y., and  
Cassius C. Miller, Gloversville, N. Y.

They are both promising men. Brother Miller has made the Glee Club, and Brother Billings is especially strong as a student.

Our plan of initiation this year was somewhat different from last year. On Monday night, November 4th, we had the initiates come to the house, where everything was in readiness to entertain them in rough-house style. The butting goats and various stunts kept things lively till the wee hours of the morning. On Friday night of the same week the regular initiation ceremony, contained in the new Ritual, was gone through with. After which, over thirty strong, we banqueted at the Vanderbilt Hotel, in this city. With menu, decorations, and toast list of the highest type, what wonder that there was not a dissenting voice in pronouncing it the best banquet that Kappa Alpha ever held. At the close of the banquet the alumni members of the chapter met to organize a Kappa Alpha Alumnæ Association. Have you one in your chapter? There is no reason why every chapter in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity should not own their chapter house, and, brothers at large, do you not think that an Alumnæ

Association would be a mighty factor in bringing this about? If the chapter owned the house she lives in, then, and only then, would it be home. Thus there would be more interest in your home chapter, more loyalty and devotion to the fraternity, and far less possibility of the chapter dying out.

Thanksgiving day was one long to be remembered by the brothers who remained at the chapter house. An elaborate menu and an appropriate program was provided for the guests, among whom was Professor Begg, one of our fraters in *facultae*.

Foot-ball at Syracuse closed most admirably this fall, without a defeat in our new stadium, and with "Bill" Horr tackle on the All-American team.

Basket-ball is now the rage. It is hard to write concerning the ability of our team, as the first game does not occur until December 12th. At Syracuse we have an inter-fraternity basket-ball league. Kappa Alpha expects to enter a pennant-winning team.

A word as to the new Ritual drawn up at the last Conclave. Kappa Alpha, as a whole, is pleased with the order of service for the regular meetings, and too much praise cannot be given to the men who framed that portion of it; but the initiation ceremony, we think, is no great improvement on the old one, for the reason that it does not impress the initiates with the ideals of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  so forcibly as the old one did. Perhaps it is our fault, in not being able to perform it properly.

November 21st our chapter orchestra and quartet gave an entertainment in the High School at Warner's, where Brother Trebilcox, '07, is principal. A number of us went along, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

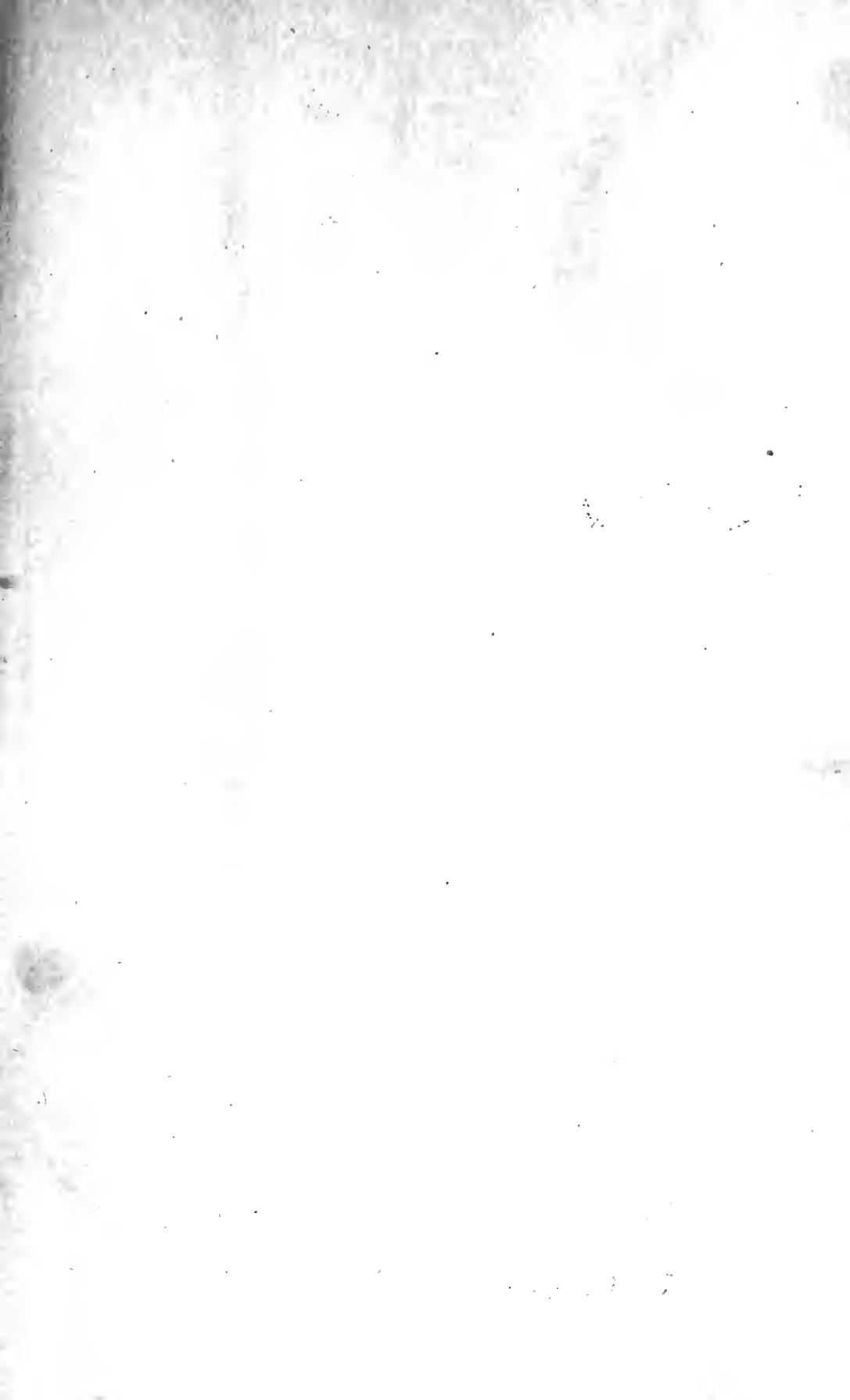
Before closing my letter, I wish to state that we are in the midst of a stirring revival, conducted by Dr. T. S. Henderson, of New York. He is getting a hold on the students, and great good will surely result from his efforts.

Success to all the chapters throughout the year.

Fraternally yours,

W. F. Taylor,  
*Chapter Historian.*

KAPPA ALPHA.





H. M. WHITE, Epsilon,  
Guard 'Varsity Foot-Ball.



C. W. STREET, Epsilon,  
Captain Foot-Ball.

## Epsilon.

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### Washington and Lee University.

Meets every Saturday Night at 10 o'clock in Fraternity Hall.

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After a successful first term, Epsilon extends heartiest greetings and best wishes to all sister chapters of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . May their college, as well as their fraternal efforts, be a success during the coming year, and may each member make such an envious record for himself as will be an honor to the fraternity.

We submit to THE JOURNAL pictures of Brothers Streit, captain, and White, members of the Washington and Lee football team, who are an honor to the gridiron as well as to this fraternity. Brother Streit, as captain, has managed well his team, and has met hearty applause and congratulations both at home and abroad. Our unusually successful year on the football field, as well as our brilliant victory over Virginia, was due largely to his proficiency as captain, and Brother White, who played left tackle, was one of the main-stays of the team.

A word for the men who failed to return this year :

R. E. Maxwell has hung out his shingle in Charlottesville. He visited us Thanksgiving Day.

C. H. Engle is teaching school in Lewisburg, W. Va.

S. E. Boyett, of Dalhart, Texas, is practicing law.

E. L. Miller has entered on a precarious and troublesome career. He recently took unto himself a young and blushing bride, and we sincerely hope that he is enjoying the greatest of happiness.

J. S. Moore is with the Frisco System, with headquarters in Birmingham, Ala.

C. R. Carter is in Lampassas, Texas. He was unable to return to school the first term, because of bad health, but thinks that he will be with us after Christmas.

We have the best wishes of our fraternity at heart. It is

up to us, and we expect, by hard work and earnest devotion to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , to make it an honor to this College, as well as to the fraternity at large.

Yours, in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ ,

*Edwin N. Casey,*

*Chapter Historian.*

EPSILON.

## Zeta.

### Randolph-Macon College.

Meets every Saturday at 9:45 P. M. in Fraternity Room, Hughes Building.

Zeta again greets all sister chapters in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and extends her best wishes to every one for a pleasant vacation.

Since our last letter went to press the chapter has settled down to steady work, and, although young, our chapter has become recognized already as one of the strongest in College. The active membership now numbers twelve, and the prospect is good for several more.

The "goat" has been called out several times this fall. On October 19th

Edgar T. Roberts, of Chase City, was initiated into the fraternity. Brother Roberts was a charter member of Zeta, but was called home last year before the initiation took place, and was not initiated when the chapter was installed.

On October 26th the "goat" was again in evidence, and we are pleased to introduce the following brothers to the fraternity at large:

Landon Edward Stubbs, '10, Belrai, Va.

Edward Talmage Drewry, '10, Green Springs, Va.

William James Haynie, '10, Irvington, Va.

Brothers Stubbs and Haynie are both second-year men, and are men who have shown up well in college, not only in the classroom, but in college life in general. Brother Drewry played

right end on the foot-ball team this year, and comes to us highly recommended from the Randolph-Macon Academy, where he graduated at the head of his class.

The pleasure of the occasion was greatly augmented by the presence of Brothers Snell and Dixon, of Eta; Brother Leatherbury, alumnus of Delta, and Brother Sawyer, alumnus of Zeta. After the initiation a very appropriate "feast" was enjoyed by all present.

Again, on November 19th,

C. Allmand Edwards, of Richmond, Va.,

was initiated into the fraternity as an honorary member. Brother Edwards is a graduate of Randolph-Macon, and at present is teaching in the Richmond High School. His presence at our meetings adds very much to the work of the chapter. We were also very glad to have had with us on this date Bro. W. L. Phillips, of Richmond, and Brothers Leatherbury, McLean, and Barber, of Delta.

The success of Zeta has been even more than any of us anticipated. The chapter is represented in every phase of college life, and in athletics especially does  $\Sigma \Phi E$  lead. Brothers Powell, Balderson, and Drewry are well able to represent the chapter in that phase of college life. Brother Powell has been honored with the position of left half-back on the All-Virginia team. As for other college honors Zeta also has her share, having the treasurer of the Athletic Association, a member of the General Athletic Board, the manager of the College magazine, two associate editors on the Annual staff, art editor of the Annual, vice-president of the Y. M. C. A., the secretary and treasurer of the Senior Class, president of one literary society, and inter-collegiate debater, besides other minor honors.

Although tough luck has prevented Randolph-Macon from getting the championship this year, her team has kept any other college from getting the coveted cup. Richmond College, who ran up such remarkable scores on the other teams in the league, and who was confident of the championship, has twice gone down in defeat before the stronger team from Randolph-Macon. The

first game was won by the close margin of 12 to 11, and it was to Brother Balderson, whose ability to tear through the opponents' line and block their punts, and who twice rolled over the goal line for touch-downs, that the credit of the victory belongs. On November 30th the almost unbeaten team of Richmond College again went down before the Ashland team. Brother Powell made the only touch-down for Randolph-Macon, all other points having been made on field goals. The contest was a hard-fought one. However, Richmond was outplayed, and when the whistle blew the score stood 14 to 10 in Randolph-Macon's favor.

Brother R. M. White has been elected to represent Zeta at the next Conclave. Inasmuch as the Conclave plays so important a part in the workings of the fraternity, it is absolutely essential that every chapter should be represented. Let each chapter pledge to have a delegate at the next Conclave, and make it the most successful in the history of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

What has pushed  $\Sigma \Phi E$  to the front during her short existence, and forced recognition in this country as one of the leading fraternities? Why is it that a chapter is no sooner established at a college than non-fraternity men proclaim it to be the best chapter in the institution, and desire to be initiated into its mysteries and profound teachings? It is plain. Simply because the Charter Committee have only granted charters to those who realize the true significance of a fraternity, and who stand in their respective colleges, not as bodies soaring in the stellar regions, but answer to what Mr. W. J. Bryan would call the average man.

The man who believes he would have the best chapter at his college if he could call the eleven men who represent him on the gridiron brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , has absolutely no conception of whom a fraternity should consist. He who would aim to "stuff" his chapter with sports or literary talent exclusively, or any other one phase of college life, is sadly mistaken in his idea of an up-to-date chapter. It is a common fact, revealed throughout history, that any organization, State or national, which tries to specialize or monopolize becomes thoroughly aristocratic in both



thought and action, and consequently has a limited existence and a limited sphere of action. Rome was an example of aristocracy and centralization, but her aristocracy became degeneracy, her centralization became disorganization, and it was only a matter of time until Rome dropped her crown of glory, threw aside her mantle of leadership—until she was no longer able to gird her loins and keep pace with the course of events.

If  $\Sigma \Phi E$  is to forge onward until her identity is established indelibly in every institution of note, she must be democratic, her members must ever keep before them the ideals taught in her Ritual, and no one should be initiated who has not satisfactorily demonstrated to the college community that he is already a man, for the chapter house or the chapter room is not a fit place for a kindergarten.

In closing, we wish every chapter a pleasant Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

*Clarence D. Johns,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

ZETA.

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## Lambda Alpha.

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Georgia School of Technology.

Meets every Saturday Night at 409 Austell Building.

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Lambda Alpha extends heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters.

After a "rush season" of two months, in which ten large fraternities took an active part, we are proud to say that Lambda Alpha came through with flying colors and the satisfaction that we had secured four of the best men to be found. These were promptly "carried down the pike," being chaperoned by His Royal Highness, Mr. Goat.

Being a young chapter, and in a College where the leading fraternities are more or less jealous of each other, we deemed it best to go slow and "tread softly." This has won for us, after a

period of less than twelve months since installation, an equal recognition among the leading fraternities of our College. We are glad to say that a member of another fraternity came to us recently and said that he had been appointed as a committee of one to give to our chapter personal congratulations as to the manner in which we conducted ourselves and the sterling men that we had taken in. While we, to a man, feel sure and know that we would have organized and built up a chapter that would compare favorably with any in school, despite any attitude that the other fraternities might have assumed toward us, we are proud of this good will and feeling that exists between us and the other fraternities, and shall do all in our power to have these conditions remain so.

I hope those brothers who chance to read this letter will excuse this abrupt digression here, but we are Southerners, and Georgians also, and the fair ones of the opposite sex just naturally appeal to our men in a manner that is irresistible. So I will attempt to describe, in part, a recent evening party in which  $\Sigma \Phi E$  was in the majority. Bro. C. L. Hardwick, a born ladies' man, and the proud possessor of a pair of beautiful "pink eyes," was selected as chief supervisor of the party. Being intimate friends of Brother Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Greenwood, (Hardwick knows Miss Green, too,) consented to throw open their beautiful suburban home for our pleasure. After two hours' enjoyment of cards, music, and delicious refreshments, we bade our charming hostess good-night, and assembled at the car line, where we gave our college and  $\Sigma \Phi E$  yells with a vim. We felt sure we gave the latter yells loud enough to attract the attention of our nearest sister chapter, Eta Beta, of Raleigh, N. C., but haven't received any communication from there to that effect as yet. This was the first attempt of our chapter along social lines, but, if we take the word of the fair ones who attended, it was a decided success. So we are satisfied.

We are glad to hear of new chapters being installed, and anxiously await the arrival of THE JOURNAL to see "who's next."

In closing, Lambda Alpha wishes that all the members of its sister chapters may have a pleasant Christmas, and that the New Year resolution of every  $\Sigma \Phi E$  may be for the betterment of our beloved fraternity.

Faternally,

*Thomas L. Lewis,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

LAMBDA ALPHA.

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## Mu Alpha.

Delaware College.

Meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M., at Fraternity House.

Again Mu Alpha greets her sister chapters through this most worthy JOURNAL. Congratulations are certainly in order, and we take this opportunity to congratulate the editor on his excellent work.

The "rushing" season at Delaware is practically over for this year, and, although the competition has been very keen, Mu Alpha feels that she has succeeded in getting her share of good fraternity material.

On the evening of Friday, November 22d, three of our pledges were introduced into the secrets of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the fraternity at large our new brothers,

Robert Winner, '11.

Robert Rauleigh, '11.

Frank D. Wilson, '11.

We also have two pledges, whom we expect to initiate into  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in a few weeks. We are very much impressed with our new brothers, and feel sure that they are worthy of the golden "heart."

The foot-ball season at Delaware is at a close, and, although it has not been the most successful, we feel proud of the team's work.

Brother Baldwin, who was captain, played a "star" game,

and deserves much credit for his most excellent work. Pledge Bratton played a good game at half back, and it is very evident that he will be a regular 'Varsity man.

Brother Newman, captain of this year's basket-ball team, says that the prospects for a good team were never better in Delaware. Brother Wingett has prepared an excellent schedule.

We take the opportunity here to announce that Bro. George Francis was quietly married in New York a few weeks ago. Brother Francis was one of last year's graduates, and was ever ready to sacrifice anything reasonable for the good of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Brother Bell, who was with us last year, has not returned to college, and is working in Washington.

Bro. William Francis has returned to complete his Senior year, after his absence of last year. Congratulations, Mu Alpha and Delta Epsilon; may you live and prosper.

In closing this epistle, we hope the brothers of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  will keep steadily in view the necessity of maintaining a chapter that will rank with any of the other fraternity chapters in their college. And also that their letter is a prime factor in building up a JOURNAL worthy of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Extending an invitation to all brothers who happen our way, we remain,

Faternally,

C. H. Coale,

*Chapter Historian.*

MU ALPHA.

## Eta.

University of Virginia.

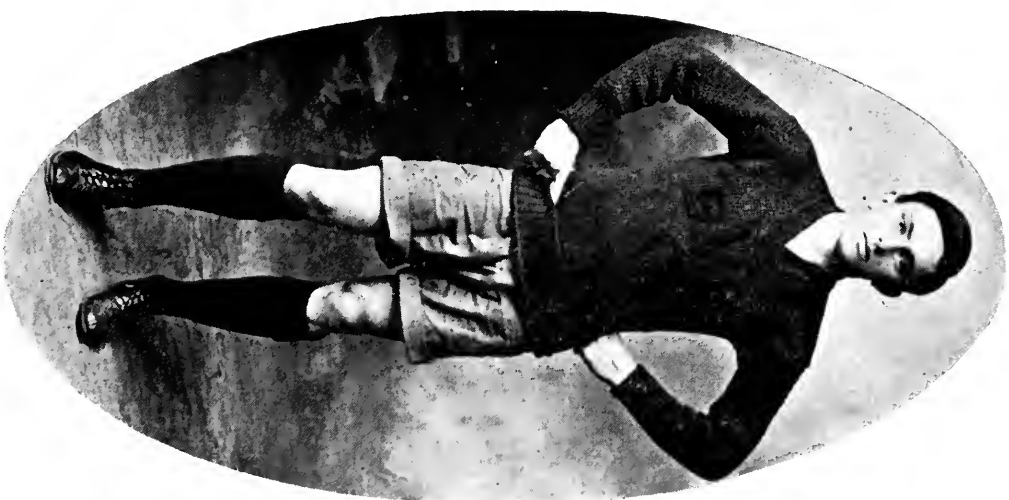
Meets every Saturday Night 10 P. M. in the Fraternity Hall.

In this, the Christmas number of THE JOURNAL, Eta Chapter wishes the brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  all the joys and pleasures of a merry Christmas.

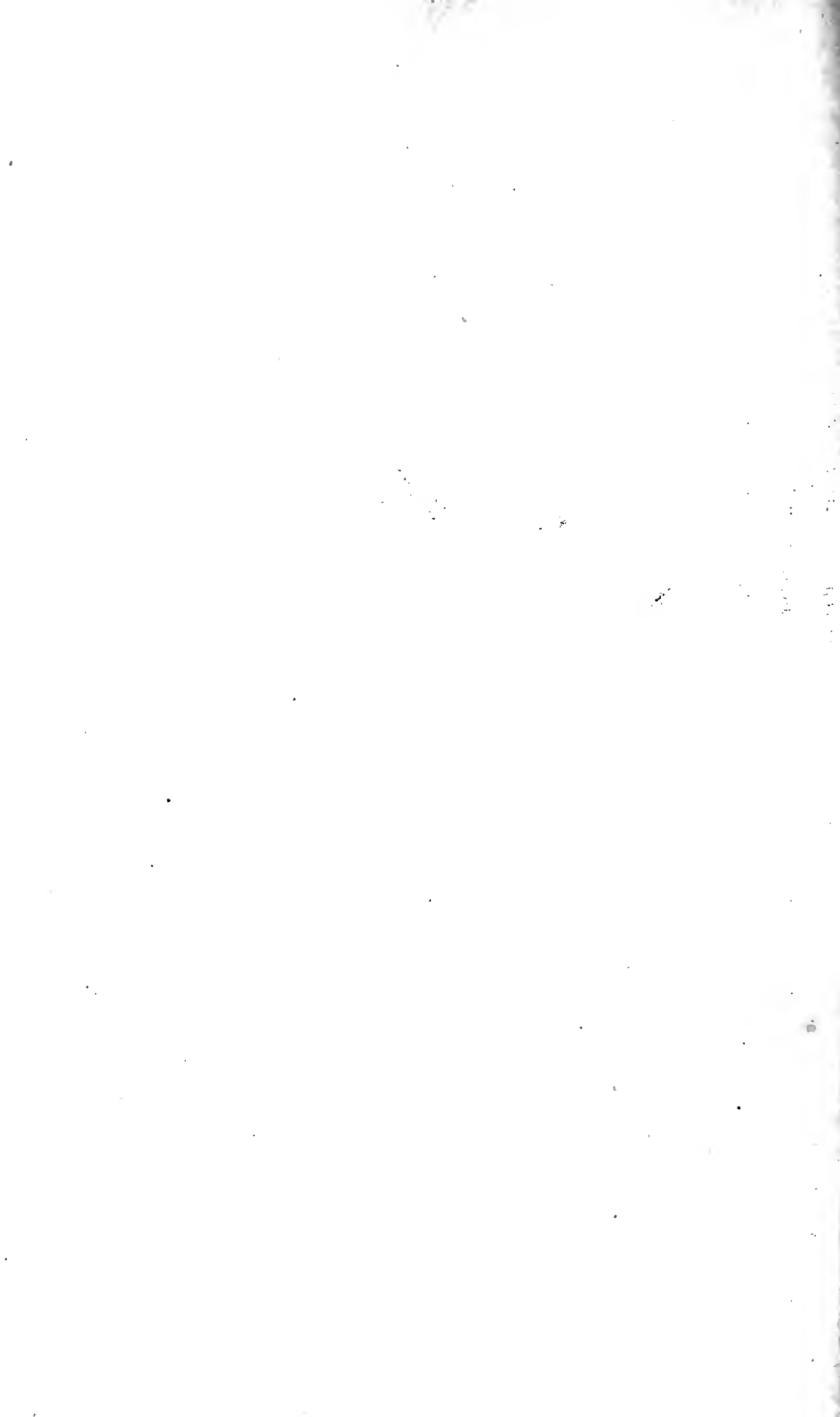
Since the last issue of THE JOURNAL we have made steps to advance the banner of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at the University of Virginia.



CARL HOLIDAY, Esq.,  
AUTHOR OF  
"History of Southern Literature"  
AND  
"The Cotton Picker and Other Poems."



PERCY R. ASHBY, Esq.,  
Who defeated the World's Champion in the  
100 and 220 Yard Dashes at the  
Jamestown Exposition.



Being a new chapter, we are put at some disadvantage in competing with the older and more thoroughly established fraternities here. However, we have initiated three good men to assist in the work of the chapter.

We held our fall "goating" on the night of November 9th, after the foot-ball game with Washington and Lee, and had the pleasure of having with us Brothers Streit and White, of Epsilon, who were in Charlottesville with the Washington and Lee team. Brother Wallace, of Zeta, too, showed his interest in the work of the fraternity, and came over from Randolph-Macon to assist us. The following men were introduced to the mystical goat of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ :

Percy R. Ashby, Hampton, Va.

H. O. D. Griffith, Hampton, Va.

W. J. Plummer, Portsmouth, Va.

Brother Ashby is the athlete of our chapter, being on both the basket-ball and track teams. He won first medal at the Jamestown Exposition in the 100-yard dash. Besides this, he has several other medals, won at inter-collegiate track meets. We expect him to do great things for us this year.

Brother Griffith is a very modest and retiring young gentleman, given to literary pursuits, but who will doubtless meet with deserved success in his chosen profession of electrical engineering.

Brother Plummer is a young man of pleasing appearance and admirable graces. We expect him to bring honor to Eta Chapter in his endeavor in the world of medicine.

We believe that in each one of our new brothers there is the making of a real man, who has come to college with a definite purpose, and who will be a credit to Eta Chapter and  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

It is with pride that we say that one of our members of last year is gaining new laurels as an author. This is Brother Carl Holliday, who is now Professor of English at Cox College, College Park, Ga. The Neale Publishing Company has just issued from their press his collection of poems, entitled "The Cotton Picker, and Other Poems," which gives strong evidence that

Brother Holliday is developing into an author who will win distinction among Southern poets.

We were very glad to have a visit from Brother Yancey recently. Brother Yancey is a distinguished member of Zeta Chapter, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

At the german given at the Jamestown Exposition on Thanksgiving night we were represented by Brothers McCaul, Dixon, Wall, and Plummer. All of them returned full of enthusiasm and the highest praise for the alumni chapter of Norfolk in bringing to such auspicious success their initial endeavor.

Eta is glad to have near us Brother Maxwell, of Epsilon, and Brother Tilman, of Alpha. Both are in business in Charlottesville.

To the new chapters, Nu Alpha and Delta Epsilon, we extend the hand of good fellowship, and wish them much success. May they ever remain true and faithful to this our  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . fraternity.

Fraternally yours,

*P. H. Gaskin,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

ETA.

## Nu Alpha.

University of Arkansas.

Meets every Saturday Night at Hall in Wolf Building.

The University is having a very prosperous session this year. All departments are crowded, and the attendance has reached the 1,200 mark. All the new buildings are completed, and the Legislature will be called upon at the coming session to appropriate money for the erection of more, to meet the increasing enrollment. It is thought that it will reach 1,500 this year.

In foot-ball we have not been so very lucky this season. We won over Missouri School of Mines, Tulane, Drury College (two games), Hendrix, and tied Haskell College. We lost to Tennessee University, Kansas City Medics, Louisiana State, and Texas.



Under Coach Longman, of Michigan, the team has steadily improved, but some of our best men were crippled in some of the most important games. We have a fine basket-ball team, and track athletics occupies much attention. We expect to have a winning base-ball team next season.

Nu Alpha has not been idle since our last message, and the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  goat has left his imprint on two Gauls, who rather proudly show their "scars."

We wish to introduce brothers

Earl Valentine Bird, C. E., '08, Springdale, Ark.,

Fay E. Graybill, B. A., '10, Fayetteville, Ark.

Both are valiant wearers of the red and purple. Both are popular among the students, and add much to the strength of the chapter. Brother Graybill is student assistant in German.

The second term is rapidly approaching, and we hope to get some fine men from the Freshman class. Under the inter-fraternity agreement, no fraternity may "rush" a man until he has passed as much as fifteen hours of Freshman work for one term, under penalty of forfeiture of charter. We have some good men under consideration, and assure all our brothers that we will get our share. On the night of December 7th the chapter will give a "smoker" to the fraternities in College and some invited guests. It will formally open our hall, which we have furnished with mission furniture since our installation.

The chapter looks forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming Conclave, and extends an invitation to the Charter Committee to consider "'Way Down in Arkansaw" when selecting a place of meeting. We will treat you well, and are sure to charm you with our baby ways.

We are very enthusiastic over extension, and this topic is under discussion very often in our meetings, as well as the Ritual, form of charter, and other matters that will be heard of in the Conclave.

Let every wearer of the "heart" lose no opportunity to place a chapter in a good university by notifying the Charter Committee of an opening, after investigating. A copy of THE JOURNAL

dropped to the library of a college under consideration would sometimes bring an application for charter. We are very proud of the conservatism of our fraternity in entering only the best universities and colleges.

Arkansas and Colorado are on the edge of the frontier of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and we hope that soon we will have neighbors in Missouri, Texas, and Louisiana, as well as in the great new State of Oklahoma.

Fraternally,

*J. W. Baxter,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

NU ALPHA.

## Delta Epsilon.

**Lehigh University.**

Meets every Friday Evening at Fraternity House, 704 Dakota Street.

Delta Epsilon again sends greetings to her sister chapters, and the compliments of the season to all her brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Delta Epsilon has been very busy, both with studies and fraternity matters.

An initiation was held on November 22d, when

Bruce Swope, M. E., '07,

was conducted down the path that all brothers in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  have traveled. He is a brother of pledged Brother Robert Swope, and is associated with the steel industry at Steelton, Pa. We are glad to report pledged

Robert B. Swope, '10, Harrisburg, Pa.;

Jeremy Fisher, '11, Lewiston, Me.;

Franklin Fisher, '11, Lewiston, Me.;

Harry Dunstan, '11, Carbondale, Pa.;

Alfred Priestley, '11, Chicopee, Mass.;

Louis R. P. Reese, '11, Glynden, Md.,

all of whom are men that will ably uphold the standards of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

During the Thanksgiving recess Bro. William Priestley was

sent to Purdue University as a delegate to the T B II Conclave, and reported a very cordial reception at the home of Iota Alpha.

The undersigned, with Brother Westerbeke, visited Delta Beta last week, and found everybody happy. If time and opportunity would permit, I think the practice of visiting sister chapters should be cultivated. Next to the good influence of THE JOURNAL, for which we have to thank the hard efforts of our good Brother Phillips, I think nothing is so beneficial.

Our foot-ball team has passed through a very successful year, losing to Lafayette and Haverford, tieing with Dickinson, and winning eight games. Brother Westerbeke held down the centre position on the 'Varsity, and played in every game except one, when he was on the sick list.

Brother Sayford has been taken into the T B II Society.

At the time of the Lafayette game we had the pleasure of entertaining a number of fathers and graduates over Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening was given over to a reception, and, altogether, it turned out a very jolly affair.

Before another letter is due we will have entered into a new year. May that year hold very much that is bright for each and every brother of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and may the coming year, and each succeeding one, find new glories added to the banner of our fraternity.

Fraternally,

DELTA EPSILON.

*Charles H. Poole,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

## Norfolk Alumni Chapter.

The first meeting of the Norfolk Alumni Chapter was held on October 26th at the Swiss Alps Village, Jamestown Exposition grounds. The following brothers were present :

C. B. Shaffer, Mu Alpha.

Luther White, Zeta.

G. L. Doughty, Alpha.

T. E. H. McLean, Delta.

Thomas J. Kagey, Delta Beta.

After a very tempting menu was served, during which many good old college days were lived over again, a temporary organization was formed.

C. B. Shaffer, President.

G. L. Doughty, Secretary.

The first work of the organization was the arranging for Sigma Phi Epsilon Day at the Exposition. This grand success need not be chronicled here, as the newspapers of the country have already reported it as *the* social event of the Exposition.

The committee who worked out this great event was Brothers Doughty, Alpha; Tatterson, Epsilon; I'Anson, Zeta Alpha, and Shaffer, Mu Alpha.

The next meeting was held in the Armory at Norfolk, and attended by brothers from Alpha, Delta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta, Zeta Alpha, Mu Alpha, and Eta Beta. A permanent organization was formed, and the following officers elected :

C. B. Shaffer, Mu Alpha, President.

T. E. H. McLean, Delta, Vice-President.

R. H. Dixon, Eta, Secretary.

D. Tiller I'Anson, Zeta Alpha, Treasurer.

The Norfolk Alumni Chapter will be glad to see any and all brothers that find their way to Norfolk.

The time and place for our regular meetings will be published in the next issue of THE JOURNAL.



## Editorials.

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### 1907 Conclave Photos.

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Several communications have been received by us in regard to the photographs taken at the Richmond Conclave, in September. This matter was placed in charge of a committee by Alpha Chapter, and should be taken up with Alpha.

Some that were ordered have not been sent for, and the committee request that this be attended to at once.

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### Grand Chapter Officers' Addresses.

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We have had several inquiries requesting the addresses of some of our Grand Officers. We wish to call attention to the fact that the *names* and *addresses* of all Grand Chapter Officers are in THE JOURNAL.

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### By-Laws, Article 5, Section 9.

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“Each chapter shall send to the Editor-in-Chief for every issue of THE JOURNAL a letter that shall be of general interest to the fraternity. This letter shall be mailed at least twenty days

before the date of publication. Chapters failing to comply with this regulation shall be fined five dollars."

Judging from the dates of receipt of the letters for the December JOURNAL, eighteen of our nineteen chapters are not aware that the above section is in our by-laws.

Without one exception, every issue of THE JOURNAL, in its five years of existence, has been held up from one to three weeks waiting for delinquent chapter letters. Pleading postals and letters, and often telegrams, have been necessary to secure them; hence the adoption of the above by-law. Let this little reminder be well impressed on the minds of all Historians, as in the future we shall report all delinquents immediately to the Grand Treasurer.

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### 1908 Conclave.

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The Charter Committee has not as yet been able to decide on the place of meeting for the Conclave, but have settled on April 20th, 21st, and 22d as the dates.

The official call will appear in the March JOURNAL, and, should the place be decided on before then, every chapter will be informed by mail.

Delegates should be taking notes constantly, especially on the following questions:

Permanent Adoption of the Ritual.

The Form of the New Charter.

Fraternity Coat-of-Arms.

Fraternity Flag.

Chapter Flag.

Plans for a Directory.

# The Greek Press.

JAMES B. WEBSTER.

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WE have read with pleasure the following exchanges received since the October issue of THE JOURNAL :

September : *The Record*, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

October : *The Shield and Diamond*, Pi Kappa Alpha, and *Beta Theta Pi*.

November : *Beta Theta Pi*; *The Delta*, Sigma Nu; *The Frater*, Psi Omega; *Desmos*, Delta Sigma Delta.

December : *The Delta Epsilon Quarterly*.

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THE article in the September issue of *The Record*, entitled "What is Loyalty?" is very practical and helpful. The writer defines loyalty as "an attitude of mind leaving judgment free to determine the proper course of action in each test of devotion." To aid the judgment of members of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in the application of this essential principle in fraternity life, we quote further :

"At the opening of the college year thousands of men are affiliating with fraternities, and a few suggestions may not be inopportune, for each of these men faces the problem of proving not only his own loyalty, but also the mettle of that loyalty.

"Be liberal, be modest; remember that there are other men, other chapters, other fraternities, with some claims of their own.

"Respect other fraternities—they are perhaps as good as yours in their ideals; honor the barbarian—perhaps he is so by choice, and there is certainly something in him; don't think that your fraternity, or all the fraternities combined, monopolize the virtues and valors; be mindful that the human race is the biggest fraternity.

"Don't want it all; there are some other fellows who might enjoy a little notice themselves; there are some other chapters which might appreciate a participation in college activities and

honors; there are some other fraternities which might meet you more than half way in any honest effort to increase the spirit of Pan-Hellenism.

"Play politics praiseworthily; be fair to the needs of the college and the student body; emphasize efficiency; discourage division of spoils; find the man for the place, don't make a place for your man; put up the best man in college or support him as somebody's candidate, and don't forget that in a college democracy it doesn't pay to try the grab game; give the 'barbs.' a square deal.

"Work does more than talk. This is just as true in a fraternity as anywhere else. If you want things to happen, get under the load and lift your part of it. There are plenty of men ready to get out and talk for their chapter and fraternity, but they are the ones who cause most of the trouble that has to be righted. The less you praise your own fraternity the more people will respect it, especially if they realize that you are not talking because you are too busy working. Everybody knows that it's work that makes things go.

"Loyalty is not blindness, nor complacency, nor conceit, nor selfishness, nor political efficiency, nor snobbishness; it is playing fair to every ideal realization of the paramount interest, work. Loyalty is not hide-bound observance of a formulated code; it is liberty to get things done that are worth doing in such a way that the manner of accomplishment shall be as great an honor to the organization as the thing done. Loyalty is no more partisanship than liberty is license."

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THE editor of *The Record* bespeaks a very sane, and, we believe, a rapidly growing opinion, when he says:

"We would have every chapter in  $\Sigma$  A E a leader in any movement leading to a Pan-Hellenic understanding that would effectually modify extravagant 'rushing' tactics. Such extravagance is an injustice to the fraternity system, because it furnishes sensational features for the criticism that is so generously



bestowed. Such extravagance is an injustice to the fraternity man and to the prospective neophyte, because both could use to better advantage the time spent in elaborate entertaining, at the same time bringing about the desired result in an easier and more quiet way.

"Looking back over the men we have known in our own chapter, and singling out those who, after years of intimate acquaintance, impress us as the best fraternity men, do we select the same ones that we had to entertain so lavishly before we could pledge them? We believe not. Our best men are the ones that join the fraternity that offers them the most gentlemanly and most congenial associates. They join because they like 'the fellows,' not because an expensive house gives them something to boast about or because a crowd prominent in college affairs offers the chance to promote political or social ambition. In our 'rushing,' therefore, we can ill afford to overlook the unassuming man, with his healthy, intelligent ideals. He will keep his chapter sailing on an even keel, and he will be an honor to his fraternity long after many a college celebrity is gone and forgotten."

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THE *Shield and Diamond* made its first appearance on our table, and we are glad to welcome it. The short but solid article entitled "Service, Through Deeper Love" expresses the sentiment we have been trying to instil into  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , that *to belong* to the fraternity means more than simply to own allegiance and reap what benefits are to be derived naturally. It means that we must make some real contribution, if we derive any real benefit. It means *work*. To quote:

"By 'work' I do not mean mere *show*, which does not captivate the stronger minds and nature, and which intimates a littleness in the member. Not by an air of superiority, which has the opposite effect, repelling others and engendering a useless strife between the frats and the non-frats; not by talk before the student body of the excellence of that particular frat, nor

engaging in argument with students who are antagonistic to frats, for I think that a better feeling is promoted and that greater respect is manifested towards the frat which is silent, or, at least, speaks little and quietly of itself, rather showing its strength in the conduct of its members, preferring that its force should be seen and felt rather than heard; but by the effort to stand at the head in the class-room, upon which too much stress cannot be laid—*by attention to the affairs and matters on the inside of the hall, attendance upon the meetings, observance of good order, of the small necessary restrictions placed on one's self when the chapter is in session*; enthusiastic and united effort when there is anything to be done; stifling any feeling of resentment or disappointment when a favorite measure fails—it is the observance of these things that stimulates interest and deepens love for the brotherhood. It is inattention and ignorance of them that breeds carelessness and half-hearted effort. Know all about everything connected with the chapter, and be familiar with all its proceedings. It is as true of the fraternity as of anything else that willing effort and accurate knowledge of it makes pleasant our work and strengthens our affection for it.”

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WE agree heartily with the author of the article entitled “The Third Degree.” His definition :

“A definition which serves to answer this purpose might be worded as follows: The Third Degree System, synonymous with ‘side degrees,’ ‘horse-play,’ etc., consists of that part of fraternity initiations which seeks to place the initiate in a ludicrous and even degraded position for the benefit of his older brothers. The extent of this varies with different fraternities, and even with different chapters of the same fraternity. In the pioneer days of fraternities this system existed to a much greater extent than it does to-day. With the onward march of the fraternity system it is gratifying to note that this obnoxious method has steadily been on the wane, until to-day it occupies but a small per cent. of our ritualistic initiations. Some fraternities have

legislated against it entirely, while others, though leaving it to the inclination of the individual chapter, strongly disapproved of its being infused in the initiatory ceremony. Practically no fraternity looks upon it with favor. Despite these facts, the Third Degree System exists to-day, and the writer is sorry to say that it exists in many of the chapters of old II K A. With this preliminary note the writer will undertake arguments against this system in general, and its use in II K A in particular."

His objections are that the Third Degree is humiliating, dangerous, destructive of the effectiveness of the Constitution and Ritual, ridiculous for II K A. The first four apply to  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and we believe have already appealed to the universal good judgment of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  the country over. While we do not absolutely forbid the horse-play in some part of the initiation, the majority of the chapters have done so, in obedience to the rapidly-growing sentiment in favor of its abolition, and we advise those chapters, if there be any, who are keeping it up to regulate it to the dusty attic of days gone by, with the rest of the rubbish that has become worse than useless, absolutely obnoxious.

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THE November issue of *Beta Theta Pi* contains an article, "The Individual and the Fraternity," by ex-Secretary F. W. Shephardson, from which an extract will be interesting and helpful :

"In this splendid field of American democracy the fraternity affords by all means the best opportunity for the individual. Indeed, the fraternity is little else than the individual. Each member of a chapter is selected from a selected body of young men deemed worth sending to college. He is selected after careful study of himself and his colleagues for his individual worth. He is initiated as an individual, taking upon himself certain obligations and pledging himself to a definite course of conduct, which the founders of the fraternity believed would make him and boys like him better students and better men. The minute he pins the badge over his heart he makes his individuality part of that

of the chapter. From that minute the power of the chapter is to a great degree dependent upon him. If he is a strong man, the recognition of this fact by his fellow students will mean strength of the chapter. If he debases the nobleness of his manhood, becomes careless of his obligations, leads a vicious life, every wrong step he takes drags his chapter down with him. A college community is much less ready to accord strength to a fraternity chapter when its members are influential than it is to speak ill of the chapter if one or two who belong to it bring nothing but disgrace upon themselves and upon it.

"In this year, when our working motto is 'Internal Improvement,' the importance of urging this power of the individual cannot be too much emphasized. One man can ruin a chapter. One man can make it. In a recent case a member resigned from a fraternity chapter because he said that he could not do good work as a Christian among his fellows and at the same time be a fraternity man. Where the voice of conscience speaks to a man no one else has any right to interfere. But this student who felt the call of his fellows outside the charmed circle seems to have had no thought that, if fraternity life in his college was marked by unfavorable conditions, he himself ought to share part of the burden of responsibility. One thing is perfectly certain. There would be no anti-fraternity spirit, no hostile legislation by faculties and boards of trustees, if every individual member of a fraternity lived up to its ideals, or even, falling far short of that height, made of himself what he had opportunity to do.

"The old-fashioned notion that college years are a preparation for life has lost its force. They are life itself. The character of a man in college is his character in after years. The habits of college days shape the habits of the future. The influence of a student is exerted but once—there is something almost oppressive in the thought that many a fine fellow in college is ruined largely because of the evil influence of some individual to whom he looked up and in whom he trusted. On the other hand, there is no friendship stronger than that based upon a spirit of mutual assistance, as manifested day by day in bright college years."

IN the same issue we are treated to a view of "Fraternity Life Seen at a Distance," and this is what the writer sees:

"When moving in the full current of fraternity activity, over twenty-five years ago, I thought only of the transitory pleasure and privileges afforded by fraternity life. I did not, indeed I could not, then appreciate that its influences were really destined to form a practical part of my college training, and, as such, to influence profoundly my after life. I was conscious at the time of enjoying pleasant friendships, but I regarded them as temporary in character. I thought that fraternity life ended essentially with college life.

"How, after years of comparative isolation from fraternity influences, do I regard such influences? Were they transient? Far from it. They were prominent among those permanent abiding influences that formed an extremely valuable part of the training intended to fit one for greater usefulness in life.

"If I were asked to mention the most important of what I regard as the practical results of these influences, I would say that, as seen at a distance, those which impress me with special force are:

- "1. The art of making friends.
- "2. The opportunities offered for service.
- "3. The cultivation of sentiment."

MAY not these memories of the past of older men help us younger men to prize more highly and better use our opportunities?

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MAY we quote another article on one of our favorite themes, from *The Delta*. The writer of "The Half-Way Mark," in getting at the imaginary troubles of the sophomore which he finds to be—first, the failure of the fraternity to help him to realize certain newly-discovered broad and deep social aspirations; second, that the upper classmen are hard on him, and put upon him duties trivial and mean and inferior to his talents; third,

that the better students in the chapter are not giving him the aid in his class work that they ought to give—has this to say :

“Now I am coming to the root of your trouble. First, you have forgotten one very important principle of fraternity success. I once stated it as a ‘half-way mark,’ which every man should seek: ‘You get out of your fraternity only in proportion to what you give!’” You are in love and you have indigestion. Your attack or *mal de cœur* wouldn’t be so serious but what you would eventually recover (even if only by matrimony), and were your digestion good your love would be more rosy-hued. I wish you would go down to Dr. Blank, the old college man’s friend. I think he can fix you up. Perhaps the chapter house diet needs overhauling. I will take it on myself to see to that. Be sure to get rid of your dyspepsia first of all. I don’t think you are getting out-door exercise enough. I hear that you are dreadfully afraid of fresh air in your bed-room. You can’t keep that up! You simply can’t! You will surely kick the bucket if you try. Throw up your windows. Get a cold shower every morning. Play more tennis; try for the track team; help out the scrub foot-ball eleven. Why, you will feel like a new man!

“You know I have been trying to show ‘half-way marks’ to the boys for a long while. Well, here is a new one I wish you would take in and hang up: ‘Smile.’ With a smile you may meet your troubles half way and surmount them. The boys will appreciate you and your efforts more. Even your lady-love will give more space in her heart-of-hearts, if you will smile.”

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“OHIO Northern University has demanded all Greek-letter fraternities to keep out. This decree ends the career of the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  chapter there.”

We are glad to be able to correct this clipping from *The Delta* by saying that the Theta Alpha Chapter of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  at Ohio Northern is in good condition, and is probably comfortably located in a chapter house. Thanks to the efforts of our Grand President, N. R. Cooney, we won out in our fight against the President and the Board of Trustees of Ohio Northern University.

WE copy from *The Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta, the following :

“The accompanying table gives the number of active chapters of the various general fraternities for men in 1883, 1890, 1898, and 1905, as shown by editions of ‘American College Fraternities’ published in those years, and the number at the present time.

	1883	1890	1898	1905	1907
Kappa Sigma.....	14	22	47	70	76
Phi Delta Theta.....	44	66	63	69	71
Beta Theta Pi.....	44	60	62	67	70
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	16	31	54	66	69
Sigma Nu .....	6	20	39	54	58
Phi Gamma Delta.....	27	40	44	57	58
Alpha Tau Omega.....	26	35	42	51	58
Sigma Chi .....	34	38	50	53	55
Delta Tau Delta.....	32	39	38	47	50
Kappa Alpha (S).....	18	26	37	49	49
Phi Kappa Psi.....	34	35	38	42	43
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	29	34	35	41	42
Delta Upsilon .....	17	26	31	36	37
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	9	11	12	24	30
Pi Kappa Alpha.....	2	4	13	29	29
Theta Delta Chi .....	13	18	21	24	25
Alpha Delta Phi.....	17	19	23	24	24
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	..	..	8	19	23
Psi Upsilon.....	17	17	21	22	22
Zeta Psi .....	19	20	20	22	22
Chi Phi.....	21	21	19	20	20
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	..	..	..	13	20
Chi Psi .....	16	16	19	18	18
Delta Phi.....	7	11	12	11	11
Theta Xi.....	3	4	4	8	9
Alpha Chi Rho.....	..	..	3	6	9
Sigma Phi.....	6	7	8	8	8
Delta Psi .....	9	9	8	8	8
Kappa Alpha (N).....	4	4	6	7	7
Delta Sigma Phi.....	..	..	..	5	7
Omega Phi Alpha.....	..	..	..	6	6
Theta Chi .....	..	..	..	2	2

## Notes of the Greek World.

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A T  $\Omega$  has been re-established at Washington and Lee.

A X P has planted her eighth chapter at the University of Virginia.

$\Phi \Sigma K$  has established in Williams College her twenty-third chapter.

$\Phi K \Sigma$  has entered the Universities at Michigan, Tennessee, Texas, and California.

$\Phi B K$ , the ancient honorary society, has at last granted a charter for a chapter at Michigan.

Z T A has re-established at Arkansas University. Her only national rival sorority there is X  $\Omega$ .

A X  $\Omega$  has two new chapters. Nu at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and Mu at the University of Colorado.

Davidson College has adopted a rule that no one can join a fraternity until his sophomore year.

$\Sigma N$  was the first fraternity to hold a national convention west of the Mississippi (1892), and there voted against wine at her banquets, the first ever to take that stand.

$\Pi K A$  has withdrawn her charter from Vanderbilt University. Competition was such that  $\Pi K A$ , with the men forming the chapter, was unable to build up satisfactorily.

A fraternity called  $\Delta \Theta \Sigma$  has been organized among the students in the agricultural department of the Ohio State University, with the idea of founding a national organization.

During the spring of this year there was organized the Pan-



Hellenic Club of Denver. An entire floor of one of Denver's leading hotels was leased; and a first-class club fitted out.

Π © is the name of a local society at the University of Illinois. It has been a persistent applicant for a charter of one of the well-known fraternities. Failing in securing what it desired, it is said to be on the point of attempting to start upon a career as a chaptered organization.



## Alumni Notes.

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J. W. Ellyson, Jr., Alpha, is in business at Waynesboro, Va.

W. B. Wakefield, M. D., Beta Alpha, is located at Heyworth, Ill.

W. G. Haigler, Gamma, has moved from Cameron, S. C., back to his farm.

J. C. Bristow, Alpha, has had a visit from the proverbial stork. It is a girl.

H. H. Fowler, Delta Beta, is at the Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Del.

C. L. DuBois, Kappa Alpha, is with The Multigraph Printing Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

John Cozzens, Epsilon Alpha, is at No. 3144 Prairie avenue, Chicago, and is one of the city engineers.

Grand Vice-President Clyde VerBeck, Theta Beta, is now at Helena, Montana, with the Helena *Independent*.

George Rienks, Epsilon Alpha, is with the American Beet Sugar Co., at Fort Collins, Col. He is now "Dad Rienks," as they have a baby girl at his home.



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